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Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. and Mobil Oil Guam admit no wrongdoing but agreed to pay \$2.4 million in civil penalty for allegedly violating federal environmental law by failing to control air emissions

from their bulk gasoline terminals on Saipan and Guam.

On Saipan, Mobil's bulk gasoline terminal is at Puerto Rico Port Drive in Lower Base.

The civil penalty is part of a 29-page consent decree filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court of Guam in which Mobil Oil Guam and Mobil Oil

Marianas did not admit any liability or wrongdoing over allegations they violated the Clean Air Act.

"By entering into this consent decree and complying with its terms, defendants do not admit any inference of wrongdoing that could be used against defendants in any other proceeding with any party not a signatory to this consent decree," the

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Mobil's bulk gasoline terminal at Puerto Rico Port Drive in Lower Base.

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CRM initiates cleanup of junk vehicles in Koblerville

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Maria Saures Islam has long been complaining about the junk vehicles that were dumped on their property in Gollaiappan Court in Koblerville.

"It's been on my property for eight years," she said.

According to Islam, she first brought her concern to then Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela's office, where she was given a piece of paper to call a number in Lower Base.

Islam, with the help of Daniel Durkin, another concerned



Koblerville residents Maria Saures Islam and Daniel Durkin pose with the team that removed the junk vehicles illegally dumped on Gollaiappan Court in Koblerville yesterday afternoon. Also in the photo are Coastal Resources Management representatives led by administrator Rita Chong Dela Cruz, chief enforcement office Luis T. Duenas, enforcement officers Benjamin Norita, Jesse Borja, Ben Cabrera, and intern Vincent Castro; Department of Public Works field operations manager Dennis Davis and Albert Remoket of Roads and Grounds Division; and Saipan Mayor's office representative Robert Salas and trainee Zack Agulto.

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resident, brought this concern to the attention of various government agencies for more than a year.

Last week, Durkin approached the Coastal Resources Management and showed administrator Rita Chong-Dela Cruz pictures of the unsightly state of the property.

Through the initiative of CRM, the junk vehicles on Islam's property were towed yesterday after over a year of waiting.

Representatives of CRM, including Dela Cruz, the Department of Public Works, and the Saipan Mayor's Office, collaborated to remove the junk vehicles from the area.

According to Dela Cruz, the monitoring and cleanup, particularly of beaches, is an ongoing project of their agency.

"We've been going around these past few days, monitoring and checking out these beaches and looking at sites like this that need to be cleaned up," she said.

Dela Cruz said they started with the cleanup project last month at the Susupe Beach Park where they "cleared out big blocks of concrete and took away all the garbage that make the environment very unhealthy."

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2 CSC nominees fail to meet Senate EAGI requirements

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's two appointees to the Civil Service Commission failed to timely submit required documents to the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, forcing the panel to refrain from acting on their nominations.

Nominees Jesus M. Elameto and Jose B. Aldan would have represented Saipan on the Civil Service Commission.

Elameto and Aldan had 90 days each to submit copies of their resume, statement of financial interest, drug test results, and police clearance from the date the governor submitted their names.

Fitial nominated Aldan on April 1, and Elameto, on April 8. The 90-day period expired on July 1 and 8.

To date, Aldan has not submitted anything to the EAGI Committee, according to Senate EAGI Committee chair Sen. Frank Q. Cruz (R-Tinian).

The EAGI Committee received documents from Elameto on June 29, although they were dated June 28.

But Cruz said Elameto's submission of documents was too close to the July 8 deadline, making it impossible for the EAGI Committee to conduct public hearings and make recommendations to the full Senate within the allotted time, especially considering that senators had been holding public hearings on immigration and budget.

"They were nominated in April, but one of them waited until the last minute to submit his documents and one didn't submit at all. Their nomination had already expired based on the law," Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

The governor earlier said once Elameto's and Aldan's nominations are confirmed by the Senate, the Civil Service Commission will have a quorum to be able to make a decision whether a reduction in work hours among civil service employees will be implemented.

Three legislative resolutions honor slain Marine

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At least three legislative resolutions honoring the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael Maliksi Santos will be presented at his funeral tomorrow on Rota. Santos' remains will arrive at his birthplace this afternoon.

Senate Commemorative Resolution 17-4, introduced by a committee of the whole or by all nine senators, honors Santos for being an "exceptional public servant and fine man from Rota who truly represented the best and brightest this island and nation has to offer."

Santos's body will be brought to Guam from Delaware at 1am today.

From Guam, a U.S. Air Force C-130 will bring the remains to Rota where he was born 21 years ago, on May 17, 1989.

Santos was allegedly stabbed in the neck and killed by a fellow Marine on July 16 in Marjeh, Helmand Province in Afghanistan, where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His family has yet to learn the results of the military investigation into his death.

Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 17-7 conveys "sincere condolences and sympathy

to the bereaved family of the late corporal...on his untimely passing and paying tribute to his fond memory."

Rota lawmakers are expected to adopt this resolution at their session on Rota this morning.

House Commemorative Resolution 17-5, introduced by the late Marine corporal's aunt, Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), also conveys condolences to the Santos family and honors the late Marine for his service to the nation.

"The late Corporal Dave Michael Maliksi Santos' courage, determination, and undying will to fight for the freedom of his country and its people will forever be remembered by the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, most especially the people of his beloved home, Rota," reads the resolution, introduced last week.

When the body arrives on Rota between 2:30pm and 3pm, an airport reception ceremony will be held.

The body will then be brought to the residence of the Marine corporal's father, David M. Santos, in Sinapalo I. The body will remain there for a wake vigil service and visitation.

His biological mother, Charito Maliksi-Runge, also arrived in

the CNMI for her son's funeral.

At 7am Thursday, the funeral cortège will proceed to San Isidro Chapel in Sinapalo, where the last rosary, tribute and presentation, final viewing and last respects, and Mass of Christian burial will be held.

Interment services will be at 11am at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Songsong.

Santos left behind a wife, Lotty Ann Atalig Santos, and their 3-year-old son Anthony David A. Santos.

After graduating from Rota High School in June 2007, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and trained at Camp Pendleton in California. He was first deployed in Afghanistan in 2008, and got redeployed there about a month ago.

Woman found guilty of sex abuse of minor

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A Superior Court jury handed down yesterday a guilty verdict against a woman accused of having sex with a boy at her house.

After deliberating for only about 40 minutes, the six jurors found 29-year-old Geraldine Marie Sanchez guilty of sex abuse of a minor in the first and second degrees. The jurors, however, found Sanchez not guilty of sex abuse of a minor in the 4th degree.

Sanchez will be sentenced on Sept. 22, 2010. She faces a minimum of eight years in prison without parole and a maximum of possibly 30 years.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman allowed Sanchez to remain free until her sentencing.

Sanchez's counsel, assistant public defender Michael

Brown, gave no comment on the verdict, saying he will consult with his client whether they are going to appeal.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher said they are always very gratified when the jury supports their position in a case.

"This a young boy who was 15 years old when left with one of his friends' mother...so the interest of justice was served in this case," Gallagher said.

Sanchez was arrested in December 2009 after the boy's mother sought the police's assistance after learning from neighbors that Sanchez had sex with her son when he was 15 years old.

In his closing arguments, Brown noted a lot of inconsistencies in the evidence and testimonies of the boy and his mother.

Brown said the boy was already 16 at the time of the incident.



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Robinson wants free ticket, travel allowance to DC

Kent Sebastian Robinson, who faces charges of forging a \$200 million treasury bond, asked the federal court yesterday to order the U.S. Marshal to pay for his one-way ticket to Washington D.C. in case the court transfers the venue of the case to the District of Columbia.

Robinson, who made the request without a lawyer, also asked the court to order the U.S. Marshal to give him enough money for subsistence expenses during his travel to his destination.

The court placed his request to transfer the case to Washington D.C. under advisement.

Robinson said if the court grants his motion for a change of venue, the court should order the U.S. Marshal to arrange and pay for his transportation from Saipan to Washington D.C.

He said the U.S. Marshal should also provide him a per diem expense during his travel to enable him to appear before the District Court for the District of Columbia.

Robinson said the U.S. government forcibly brought him—a lifelong resident of Maryland—over thousands of miles to Saipan, a “secluded and completely foreign venue.”

He said the sole purpose of bringing him to Saipan was to try him for crimes that allegedly were completed mostly in Washington.

“Now after spending over four months on Saipan, defendant lacks the financial resources to travel to Washington D.C.

should this court transfer this matter to that court,” he said.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 19, 2008, Robinson made a counterfeited and forged document—a Secured Funding and Offset Bond—purportedly registered with the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The “Offset Bond” which declared a value of being \$200 million, was paid to the order of Oceania Insurance Corp., a company registered and doing business in the CNMI. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library holds book signing today

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, in conjunction with the CNMI Library Council and the Library Friends, will host a book signing and presentation today as part of their Local Authors Series.

The event will introduce the book, *From Colonization to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*

ence written by retired justice Jose S. Dela Cruz.

During the book signing, Dela Cruz will talk about the key points discussed in his book and will respond to questions from the audience afterwards.

John Oliver DLR Gonzales, executive director of the public library, said they are pleased to feature emerging local writers in their Local Authors Series.

The Local Authors Series

aims to highlight indigenous authors that write about CNMI history with local perspective.

Copies of the Dela Cruz’s book will be available for sale during the book signing.

Gonzales said 40 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

According to Gonzales, donations made to the public library are earmarked to expand the library collections.

“We are privileged to accept any contributions from respected leaders and authors like retired justice Jose S. Dela Cruz because that money will go back to the community through purchase of library-related collections to be circulated throughout the community,” he said.

Gonzales is inviting the public to attend the event. For more information, call the public library at 235-READ (7323).

Sandy Beach project,” he told the board.

According to Sablan, they were initially interested on the beach lot portion of the property. However, Sablan said they realized that taking only the beach lot would diminish the value of the hotel property.

Sablan also acknowledged the ongoing litigation and existing tax issues relating to the property.

“We need to work these issues out. Our interest is there. If we’re successful in acquiring that lot, it would be a great entrance to the area,” he said.

Sablan said they are also working closely with six private land owners of the area surrounding the proposed Sandy Beach Homes to acquire leasehold of their lands.

He described the Pacific Gardenia Hotel land as “prime property,” adding that they “are optimistic and willing to sit down and work closely with

CDA and [Revenue & Taxation] and other parties” that have interest on the land in order to revive the property.

Sablan said they are happy about the overwhelming support that the project has received as exemplified by the public hearings conducted by the Zoning Board and the Coastal Resources Management regarding permit applications for the project.

The Zoning Board already approved the conditional use application of Triple J Saipan Inc. to allow the proposed height of the apartment building at 74 feet, exceeding the 48 feet limit in the vicinity.

Sablan said they expect to hear from the CRM by Thursday regarding their major siting permit application.

“We are working on different components of the project concurrently. Hopefully, all the pieces will fall into place and we will see the project off the ground,” he added.

13 storage tanks and all of their loading racks at gasoline storage facilities on the islands.

Both also allegedly failed to comply with pollution limits, install pollution monitors, and submit required reports.

In a statement in April, DOJ and EPA said Mobil Oil Guam and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands estimate they will spend more than \$15 million to bring the two bulk gasoline terminals into compliance with the Clean Air Act, reducing their yearly discharge of volatile organic compounds by close to 400 tons.

Bulk gasoline terminals are large storage tank facilities where gasoline is loaded into tank trucks for distribution to gasoline service stations. Vapors containing volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants, including the known human carcinogen benzene, can leak from storage tanks, pipes, and tank trucks as they are loaded.

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use the Pacific Gardenia Hotel for its apartment building project.

Triple J Saipan Inc. representative Michael S. Sablan confirmed in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday about the board’s decision to meet with them and start the discussions about the proposal as soon as possible.

“We are encouraged and we will pursue this discussion without delay,” Sablan said when asked for comment.

Looking at all available prospects for the construction of Sandy Beach Homes apartment project, Triple J Saipan, Inc. said they are planning to use the Pacific Gardenia Hotel property and integrate it in their plans to build the apartment.

Sandy Beach Homes is a apartment building project of Triple J Saipan Inc. along San

Isidro Avenue in Chalan Kanoa behind the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

The project will put up two buildings made up of six floors, with a parking garage on the ground floor and viewing quarters between the buildings.

Each apartment unit will measure between 1,300 to 1,400 square feet and will consist of three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Sablan said they submitted to the CDA board a proposal that outlines what the company intends to do with the hotel property as part of their project.

Sablan expressed interest on the hotel property as he addressed the CDA board of directors during its meeting yesterday, reiterating that the property can be a “very intricate part” of a bigger project.

“We’re very interested in that property not so much for the facilities themselves but for its location that can be tied to the

tal Protection Agency by Dec. 31, 2010, both a written startup, shutdown and malfunction plan, as well as written equipment in gasoline service report for each of the facilities as required by NESHAP.

By signing the consent decree, Mobil also agreed to submit regular reports, including the status of any constructions, tank deactivations or demolitions, or compliance measures.

Mobil is required to notify EPA within 24 hours of any violation of the consent decree or any other event affecting Mobil’s performance under the consent decree that may pose an immediate threat to the public health, welfare or the environment.

The signatories included assistant attorney general Ignacia S. Moreno and Robert D. Mulaney of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Environment and Natural Resources Division; Assistant U.S. Attorney Mikel W. Schwab;

For the defendants, those who signed the consent decree included Mobil Oil Guam Inc. and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. president Gennaro Cioffi, Exxon Mobil Law Department’s Christopher W. Armstrong, and Larry W. Lindeen of Neal & Harwell, PLC, counsel for Mobil Oil Guam and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands.

These two companies allegedly discharged hundreds of tons of volatile organic compounds into the air each year from their bulk gasoline terminals on Cabras Island in Guam and in the Lower Base area of Saipan.

The complaint filed simultaneously with the settlement alleged that Mobil Oil Guam and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands failed to install vapor pollution controls on

MOBIL

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29-page document states.

U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood approved the consent decree yesterday.

Mobil agrees to pay the \$2.4 million to the U.S. Department of Justice within 30 days after the effective date of the consent decree.

Under the consent decree, Mobil agreed not to operate its fuel storage tanks on Saipan or in Guam until they comply with the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.

Mobil also agreed to begin continuous monitoring systems for both the Cabras Terminal and the Saipan Terminal loading racks and to begin preliminary installation of controls for both facilities.

The oil giant also agreed to provide the U.S. Environmen-

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Nadia Dig Benjamin, who is celebrating her birthday today, July 28, 2010! Happy birthday sister! Hope you have a wonderful day and may you have many more birthdays to come! We love you! Greetings come from your favorite girls, Athena and Lei.



Happy birthday to Celina Attao Concepcion, who is celebrating her birthday today, July 28, 2010! Happy birthday sister! Hope you have a wonderful day and may you have many more birthdays to come! We love you! Greetings come from your entire Chalan Piao family! Best wishes go out to both of you on your special day!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

CUC

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Bradley R. O’Brien, of the DOJ’s Environmental and Natural Resources Division, said that CUC’s failures impact the agency’s management and finance structures, physical infrastructure improvements, and daily operations and maintenance.

“Though some progress has been made, CUC’s recently filed status report overstates its compliance with the stipulated orders—in fact, CUC has not made ‘huge strides’ but has failed in numerous respects to comply with both the stipulated orders and the subsequent joint stipulation,” he said.

O’Brien filed the U.S.’s second status report last Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The stipulated orders, signed in March 2009, sets the requirements and deadlines for CUC to comply with the mandates of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The stipulated orders were intended to resolve longstanding deficiencies related to CUC’s wastewater systems, drinking water systems, and oil storage, transportation, and disposal program.

O’Brien said despite being given deadline extensions for many of the tasks listed in the stipulated orders, CUC has repeatedly failed to provide key deliverables in a timely manner.

“Moreover, the quality of the deliverables CUC has provided has been poor,” he added.

He noted that CUC often either failed to submit what is required under the stipulations or it submitted deliverables that

need substantial correction.

He said the poor quality of the deliverables has led to significant delays in compliance since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been required to painstakingly review and provide CUC with detailed input (“often several times”) for each submission.

O’Brien said that CUC’s claim that it has made 38 out of 39 submissions required under the “stipulated order number one” is misleading.

“Simply put, quantity does not constitute quality and, by itself, does not meet the requirements of the stipulations,” he said.

To date, he said, CUC has sent EPA a submittal for 45 of the 49 “stipulated order number one” required items, yet many of these submittals failed to meet the deadlines or substantive requirements of the order.

“Stipulated order number one” requires CUC to create a new management and financial structure for all aspects of CUC’s operations.

O’Brien said CUC continues to wholly fail or inadequately comply with numerous provisions of the stipulations.

He said CUC’s shortcomings are significant as they negatively impact fundamental aspects of CUC’s wastewater, drinking water, and oil handling operations.

CUC has already paid the U.S. government a total of \$169,000 in penalties for failing to meet deadlines.

“If CUC does not come into compliance with both the stipulated orders and the joint stipulation entered by this Court, the United States will be forced to consider a broader range of enforcement options to bring about compliance,” O’Brien added.

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She also said her six grandchildren will now be able to play freely and safely in their yard.

“If we continue to see these junk cars, we’re not going to be happy because it means we’re going to have to clean more,” she added.

Islam said community members who have the same concern should continue to seek assistance from the government so they can take action.

Durkin also encouraged all government agencies to work together with members of the community to address this kind of problem.

“Let’s do this for the...children so they will have a clean and safe play to play,” he said.

'Deadline for removal of used oil from tank impossible to meet'

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Although the used oil has already been removed from Tank 104 in Lower Base, there remains a few feet of oil-water mixture in the tank and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. wants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to extend its July 30 deadline for CUC to completely empty the tank.

"[Meeting the July 30 deadline] is impossible...as we have to deal with the emulsion layer, which is the layer between water and the used oil. We can separate the emulsion using a centrifuge which won't be available until 2011," CUC assistant executive director Abe Malae told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

EPA wants CUC to empty Tank 104 by the end of this month, instead of the original deadline of October 2010.

Gresco, which CUC con-

tracted to remove the used oil from the tank, transferred almost 180,000 gallons of the oil to Guam on July 15.

Malae said all the used oil has been removed from Tank 104 but more work is required to complete the job.

"All used oil is out of Tank 104. Only 4.5 feet of water and emulsion remain. However, given that it is typhoon season... we have asked EPA to allow us to concentrate on removing all other oil [and] leave the water in Tank 104 for now to weigh it down and provide wind resistance," said Malae.

CUC's request to extend the deadline has yet to get a response from EPA as of yesterday.

EPA has already penalized CUC for failing to meet prior deadlines set by the stipulated orders. CUC recently paid EPA \$140,000 as penalty.

The stipulated orders, signed in March 2009, sets the require-

ments and deadlines for CUC to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The stipulated orders provide a roadmap for providing improved water and sewer services in the CNMI.

Stipulated Order 1 requires CUC to create a new management and financial structure that will enable it to provide potable drinking water and wastewater services.

Stipulated Order 2 involves the lack of infrastructure for safe fuel storage, handling and transfer facilities of the power generation facilities, and power distribution, including possible environmental site cleanup.

CUC has been in a state of emergency since 2008 due to poor services and condition.

Ex-convict gets 30 months for 'ice' trafficking and gun case

The federal court imposed yesterday a 30-month prison term on an ex-convict who pleaded guilty to trafficking methamphetamine or "ice" and illegal possession of guns.

Roque Sablan Norita was sentenced to a total of 30 months in prison for both cases, followed by six years of supervised release.

He was required to perform 100 hours of community service and barred from possessing a firearm or other dangerous weapons.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett granted Norita's request for the court to recommend a 500-hour drug treatment program for him while serving his sentence. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Norita pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person as part of a plea agreement.

Norita was caught with less than 250 mgs of "ice" on Feb. 19, 2009. In March or April 2009, he traded an Armalite .223 caliber rifle for "ice."

He was also found in possession of a Japan-manufactured Arisaka rifle dating from circa 1940 and a Colt AR15 .223.

Norita has a prior manslaughter conviction and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. That conviction barred him from possessing any firearms.

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Inos: No source of funding yet for Nov. election

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Fitial administration has yet to identify funding that will be re-programmed to finance the Nov. 2 election, even as the Legislature is also saying there is no money yet to be re-appropriated.

The Commonwealth Election Commission estimates the election will cost \$128,000.

The November election will choose a CNMI non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Voters will also be presented with at least two legislative initiatives for approval or rejection.

"We're still having problems trying to find the money to reprogram from. Reprogramming is moving money from one authorized activity to another authorized activity. If one looks at our report coming out, we're looking at \$23 million to \$24 million operating deficit up to end-June," Inos told *Saipan Tribune*.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said the administration will, however, do its best to make sure the elections will be held and will work with the Legislature on it.

"I've got to find Peter to pay Paul," Inos added.

He said the matter could also

be addressed by re-appropriation of money by the Legislature.

"But even re-appropriation, you still need a source [of funding]," he said.

Former Gov. Juan N. Babauta, who is one of the four individuals eyeing the delegate post, said the CNMI "cannot afford not to have an election this year."

Failure to hold the election is a violation of the Constitution.

Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said funding for the election should be in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget, while Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said the Legislature already gave the governor the authority to reprogram up to \$10 million, which should be able to address the funding shortage faced by the Commonwealth Election Commission.

The \$128,000 estimated cost of the Nov. 2 election will cover logistics and operational expenditures, including public education for two legislative initiatives that have so far been transmitted to the commission. The commission estimates spending \$40,000 on public education for each initiative.

If the Senate passes tomorrow a House legislative initiative allowing the government to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars to pay off its debt to the NMI Retirement Fund, then the Election Commission will have to spend extra \$40,000 for public education on this measure.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HOUSE SESSIONS

From 72 hours to 24 hours

Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) wants to amend the House of Representatives' official rules of procedure to shorten the 72-hour public notice requirement of regular and special sessions to only 24 hours.

This comes barely eight months after CNMI voters ratified a popular initiative to reapply the Open Government Act to the Legislature.

Tenorio's House Resolution 17-16 seeks to amend Rule III and Rule IX Section 4(d) of the House Official Rules of Procedure, "to be internally consistent and consistent with the Open Meeting Act."

The former governor introduced HR 17-16 on Thursday, some two months after Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) introduced a bill also seeking to amend the Open Government Act by reducing the 72-hour advanced notice of official government meetings to 24 hours.

Public Law 8-41 or the Open Government Act requires government agencies to conduct their meetings openly, to make public records available for inspection, and to respond to requests for information within 10 days. Government agencies can charge a reasonable fee for copying requested documents. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

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PSS turnover rate less than 5 pct. in school year 2010

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Thirty-nine Public School System employees left the agency last school year, reflecting a personnel turnover rate of less than 5 percent, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

In her report to the Board of Education, Sablan said the number was mostly made up of classroom teachers and non-teaching personnel. These individuals either resigned, retired, ended their contracts, or relocated, among other reasons.

On the other hand, the Human Resource Office of PSS successfully hired 37 individuals—mostly teaching positions for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, Sablan said. These new hires will start work when classes resume in September.

Sablan said PSS continues to have vacancies in counseling and reading resource but she remains optimistic that they will be able to fill these posts.

According to PSS director of finance Richard Waldo, PSS has about 1,100 personnel—both federally and locally

funded—about 520 of whom are classroom teachers.

Waldo described the 5-percent turnover rate as normal. He said many of those who left were recruits from off-island and had wanted to go back to the U.S. mainland.

Resignations by locally hired employees don't cost PSS a cent, while repatriation tickets are the only things provided to off-island recruits who want to go back—majority of whom are covered by federal funds, Waldo said.

PSS has been sending recruitment teams to various job fairs in the U.S. to get a good pool of applicants. Waldo said funding for these recruitment travels are sourced from federal funds and have been successful in getting applicants for hard-to-fill positions, such as Math and Science teachers.

Every year, PSS scrambles to find teachers and specialists for its 20 campuses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Last school year, PSS accommodated over 10,000 students from kindergarten to high school. The enrollment number is expected to increase when schools open on Sept. 7.

TO INCREASE HQT POPULATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Proposed rule seeks to accept alternatives to Praxis

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To increase the count of highly qualified teachers starting school year 2010-2011, the Board of Education has amended its rules and regulations on how the Public School System will certify personnel as highly qualified.

Specifically, the board proposes to let PSS hire teachers who have already passed alternative exams that are equivalent to the Praxis tests—on the condition that they will take and pass the Praxis exams within two years.

The proposed amendment was published in the Commonwealth Register on July 14 and is now open to public comments.

Under existing rules, all teachers must comply with three requirements in order to be deemed highly qualified: They must have a college degree, they should have obtained

teaching certificates, and they must pass both Praxis 1 and 2 exams.

In the proposed BOE regulation, the board will classify as HQT those applicants who have passed other examinations in other places that are equivalent to the PSS Praxis tests. The regulation is proposed to take effect in May this year.

"Effective May 26, 2010: Alternatively, proof of passage of a rigorous content knowledge test administered by an individual jurisdiction deemed substantially equivalent to passing the Praxis 1 and 2 exams [as determined by the BOE through their representative, the coordinator of certification and licensure] shall satisfy this requirement for an applicant's initial, 2-year Basic 1 certification," the proposed BOE regulation states.

In their last meeting, the BOE and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said the amended regulation will allow PSS to hire applicants from

outside the Commonwealth who have already passed other rigorous tests in their former jurisdictions.

The "HQT category" for these newly hired teachers will only be valid in their first two-year contract with PSS. In order to continue working for PSS, these teachers must take and pass the BOE-mandated Praxis 1 and 2 exams in order to become classified as HQT.

As of this month, 77 percent of PSS teachers have been deemed highly qualified—a 4-point increase over May's 73 percent. PSS has a total teaching population of 544.

The U.S. Department of Education has given CNMI public schools until July 2011 to have 100 percent highly qualified personnel, as required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Besides teachers, school administrators and school counselors are also included in the federal deadline.



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Jerry Tan reappointed to MVA board



Tan

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reappointed Jerry Tan to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors, representing the business sector for Saipan.

His reappointment requires the advice and consent of the Senate. If confirmed, Tan will serve a four-year term that expires on March 17, 2014.

In a letter to Senate President

Paul Manglona, Fitial said he and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos are confident that Tan is highly qualified for the position and will be an asset on the MVA board. Tan served as board chairman in his previous term.

Besides being the president of Tan Holdings Corp., Tan is also the president of Asia Pacific Hotels, which runs the Fiesta Resort

and Spa Saipan and Guam, Saipan Grand Hotel, and Century Hotel; president of CTSI Logistics; and a director of the Luen Thai Group, an international conglomerate specializing in apparel manufacturing, logistics services and software development. Tan is also the vice chairman of the nonprofit organization Tan Siu Lin Foundation. (Moneth G. Deposa)

USCIS expands payment options at all domestic offices

» Customers may pay using checks, money orders, credit cards; cash no longer an option

WASHINGTON D.C.—Beginning Oct. 1, 2010, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' domestic offices and U.S. territories, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam, will no longer accept cash payment. Eliminating the accep-

tance of cash will reduce USCIS operating costs.

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NMPASI ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that the **Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)** office will be closed on July 30, 2010 (FRIDAY) due to scheduled staff development sessions – the office will re-open on August 2, 2010 (MONDAY) for regular business hours of 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI seeks comments and/or suggestions on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2011. In general, NMPASI proposes to carry-out the following goals and priorities for FY 2011:

GOAL 1: To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings (1) are not subject to abuse/neglect, (2) are free from discrimination, (3) are provided with an appropriate education, (4) are provided appropriate health care services, and (5) are provided with opportunities to make informed decisions about their lives as independent, contributing members of the community.

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Priority 1.2: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to deliver and ensure protection and advocacy services to unserved and underserved individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

Priority 1.3: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to conduct and/or facilitate trainings related to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities, to people with disabilities, their families and/or other member of the community;

Priority 1.4: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to disseminate information relating to the needs and rights of individual with disabilities to the community at large to include but not limited to using local media and/or other mediums for information dissemination;

Priority 1.5: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will provide Information & Referral and/or Technical Assistance to interested individuals about issues relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings; and

Priority 1.6: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will receive training and educational in order to increase and improve the quality of protection and advocacy services on behalf of individual with disabilities in the CNMI.

NMPASI is a non-profit organization applying for grant funds from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**/ Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/ Substance Abuse and mental health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the **U.S. Department of Education (DOE)**/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the **Social Security Administration (SSA)**.

For comments or suggestions, please call the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] or 235-7275 [fax] or 235-7278 [tty] or contact us via the internet at www.nmpasi.com.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 28, 1999

DOLI bars entry of PROC nationals

Labor and Immigration Sec. Mark Zachares yesterday issued fresh instructions to halt the issuance of new entry permits to all nationals from mainland China, following refusal and delay by Beijing to accept returning workers from the Northern Marianas. In a memorandum addressed to all airlines, labor and immigration offices and ports of entry, the DOLI chief also canceled Authorizations to Board or ATBs to PROC nationals, which means that airlines are prohibited from admitting passengers from China to bring onto the island. The order applies to all new entry permits, including new workers, replacement workers, tourists and short-term business, 90-day business, long-term business, special industry, students and immediate relatives.

Leaner delegation to DC federal takeover hearing

At least six administration officials, led by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, are scheduled to depart Saipan this week to attend the scheduled hearing by the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on August 3. This is a smaller delegation compared to the last congressional hearing held in March 1998, in what Tenorio claimed was a decision to help his government save dwindling public funds. The governor expressed hope that the August 3 hearing would be the last appearance under his administration, noting the huge travel expenses it entails for the cash-strapped Commonwealth government.

July 28, 2000

Outer Cove operator may go bankrupt

The Outer Cove Marina may eventually go bankrupt because of the failure of the CNMI government to comply with the agreement to ensure that commercial boat operators are paying their fees. Every month, the Marine Revitalization Corp. is losing \$24,000 which covers interest payment alone for its huge loans from the bank and various companies. Total investment of MRC in the marina is \$4.1 million. MRC, a non-profit corporation, entered into an agreement with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and the U.S. National Parks Service to build and operate the marina where it was granted a 15-year lease on some 16,394 square meters of submerged land. Under the partnership agreement, both the local and federal governments will assist in ensuring the smooth operation of MRC.

OIA connives with federal agencies to discredit CNMI

Amid controversies on the proposed extension of federal immigration and labor laws into the Northern Marianas, official documents obtained unearthed that the Office of Insular Affairs has used its position to tarnish the Commonwealth's image by politicizing issues on alleged labor abuses on the islands. In fact, a memo signed by OIA Public Affairs and Policy Director David North on April 19, 1998 revealed the agency's concrete plans to discredit the CNMI through other federal agencies, thereby, clearing the road for federalization of local immigration and minimum wage. The April 19, 1998 memorandum detailed the strategies that will be employed to enhance federal enforcement in the Northern Marianas—from the objectives, timing and planning to substance.

July 28, 2003

Water task force looking for water expert

The CNMI Water Task Force is on the market for a water expert—an engineer—who can provide the body with recommendations on the steps that should be taken to achieve the task force's goal, which is to provide a 24-hour water supply to all. Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, who chairs the task force, said this was agreed upon during their last meeting Friday morning, with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. taking the lead in finding the right person for the job. "We had a very good meeting. One of the recommendations that we discussed and agreed to was to hire an expert—an engineer—who's going to provide us with all the steps that need to be taken to implement the project. We need someone who can help us manage water from the source to the consumer," said Benavente.

CUC's Torres: Which way to go on water programs?

Is it desalination or ground water drilling? Expressing puzzlement about the government's priorities, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member Joseph Torres wonders whether both programs can be implemented at the same time amid the current financial difficulties. "Which way are we really going? People I talked to said they're getting mixed signals. Are we doing desalination, a big-time undertaking? And what would happen now to the pending water drilling projects, which remain unfunded?" asked a bewildered Torres in an interview.



From left to right: Frank Gibson, MariLou O'Connor, Susan Fishman-Tudor, Paul Dujua, Leo Goode, Wesley Foster, and Harold Easton.

FOA board lays out plans for new season

The Friends of the Arts had a successful and productive third annual board of director's retreat on July 10 at the Palms Resort Saipan.

During the daylong retreat, the board set the production schedule for the upcoming season and re-evaluated FOA's organizational purpose and its evolving role in the Commonwealth community.

The board reaffirmed its organizational goal to support and assist interested fellow arts organizations and promote awareness of the community's art

displays and performances. The board, with input from other arts organizations, will maintain an active community calendar of arts programs and performances and will announce events as they approach.

The board also welcomed five new members: Harold Easton, Wesley Foster, Andrew Golden, Rose deLemos, and Sarah Fryling. New board member Harold Easton, a former board member and frequent director of Friends of the Arts plays, expressed his excitement and anticipation of

an active and productive board for the up-coming year.

The FOA board seeks the community's participation in its upcoming four productions of this season, and will be announcing auditions and productions as the events draw near. Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Arts, participating in its programs, or just being kept informed of upcoming events, should contact FOA Membership Committee chair Frank Gibson by e-mail at flgibson@yahoo.com. (PR)

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Cancer on the run

The American Cancer Society recently reported some good news: Cancer is still on the run.

Although men and women continue to get the disease in large numbers, the big change is found in cancer deaths. For men, death rates from cancer fell 21 percent between 1990 and 2006. Death rates for women fell 12.3 percent in that time. In all, some 767,000 deaths from cancer were avoided.

Now the sobering news: an estimated 569,490 people in the U.S. will die from cancer this year.

It's easy to get swept up in conflicting advice on how to avoid cancer. Some of the recommendations you hear are absolutely sound. Some ideas are tomfoolery.

There's at least one cause-and-effect that's plain as day and completely controlled by the individual. As smoking in the U.S. has plunged, so has the rate of lung cancer. Not smoking substantially reduces the chances that you will succumb to one of the greatest threats to public health. The national campaign against smoking has been a resounding success. Thousands of people walking around are living proof.

There are troubling signs, though, that we've hit a road-block on this. About one in every five U.S. high school students smoke cigarettes, and that number has been stubbornly consistent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Kids aren't getting the message that smoking can kill you. Anyone who has visited an outdoor mall recently can't help but notice how many teens light up. It's painful to watch. Less obvious, but on the rise, is the use of other tobacco products such as snuff, roll-your-own tobacco, small cigars and even hookahs. They're aggressively marketed.

The vast majority of adult smokers got hooked before they reached age 21. Persuading teens not to start remains a critical public-health objective. Cost is a big deterrent for teens—though as some local governments and even states have seen, pushing higher taxes at some point persuades consumers to go elsewhere—hello, Indiana—rather than quit.

On Jan. 1, 2008, Illinois imposed a welcome ban on smoking in public places. We're glad to see a Wisconsin law went into effect earlier this month that helps level the competition for taverns and restaurants along the border with Illinois. Kansas adopted new rules on July 1. Michigan did two months before that.

Almost half the states, though, have yet to ban smoking in food and drink establishments, and a few states still allow it in private workplaces and public spaces. Want to guess where cancer rates tend to be stubbornly high?

Lung cancer still accounts for more deaths than any other kind of cancer. The numbers are going in the right direction—cancer is indeed on the run. But let's make sure the kids know the story.



Bike Trails 7: Good Samaritans amongst us

I actually got off the bike trail the last two weeks. First, there was the rain. I was reminded of how dangerous it is to slipslop and slide away into the rain-drenched highway on pedal power. As we all know, motorists generally ignore their sideview mirrors when torrentially challenged. I decided that this was not going to be my year of living dangerously.

A colleague who went on an extended off-island trip also let me car-sit his sedan and that's when I started doing an intimate three-step cha-cha with the police department. There was the bumper bumping in front of the Hailan Market on Pale Arnold we wrote about last week where we took exception to one of the police officers seeming closeness to the establishment manager who injected himself into the proceedings although he was not even present when the incident occurred.

Unrelated (I hope), we discovered the limits of handicapped parking in front of Joeten Susupe with no less than our former neighbor cop and his ever-zealous sidekick writing us a ticket. Finally, we learned that 911 will contact the towing company for you if you needed to be pulled out even on a Sunday. But the full telling of this relationship to the corps in uniform will have to wait another time.

It was the mistake of getting bogged down in a mire after an afternoon downpour that got us stuck in Cowtown up north in Marpi last Sunday. We had gone over to walk the shore lines and the scraggly shelf at low tide in search of exotic shells on our day of rest. Our last foray into the "wild" was four years ago but we had a pickup then, and the conditions were dry, so we did well maneuvering through the rocks and ruts on the road. This time, we were not so fortunate. We missed the telltale deep potholes and protruding limestones on the road.

IT&E was no help; cell coverage would not connect us to anyone until we were at the Mariana Resort and Spa. To get there, we were fortunate to run into Gus Camacho of San Roque who was heading toward the shoreline in search of driftwood. We know that island folks either use the moss-covered dead wood to propagate their orchids, or utilize them for their chosen art forms. He and his dogs were kind enough to stop for us in the misty air when it was evident that we would not receive assistance from the Marpi Dump station as the front gate was locked. He offered to give us a lift to the Last Command Post but our telephone still would not connect so we asked him if he would not mind driving the extra mile to the gates of Mandi Asian Spa.

That's when we ran into Pavel, the front desk officer at the Mariana Resort and Spa at the time. Having a bona fide Irish son-in-law, I noticed a little lilt in his English and inquired if he came from the Emerald Isle. Westward beyond the Urals, he said, not too far from Vladivostok originally, though he migrated to St. Petersburg where

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Vergara is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's Opinion Section



he now makes his home and where he came from prior to taking on the crags of Marpi in Saipan.

Our trek to Dong Bei in Manchuria early this year almost got us to the border in Yanbian Hunchun, sandwiched between Russia and North Korea, close to the city by the Golden Horn Bay in the Primorsky Krai Region. We even thought about trekking up to Heihe from Harbin to raise a glass of vodka with the Russkyettes across the Amur River, and brave the cold frozen lake Baikal in Irkutsk but our knees and other joints raised a strong and determined protest. In any case, Pavel (Paul in English) got on the phone and tried the listed numbers for towing concerns to no avail since it was Sunday, but he handed me a copy of the phone numbers anyway. Besides, he was probably delighted that someone was conversant about the TransSiberian Railway and its residents, other than just calling them derisively as "commies."

Our heartbeat also doubled with delight to see our Asperger-related young acquaintance interning for the summer under a WIA-sponsored program at the Resort. Still, our wheels remained lodged in a deep groove until 911 came to the rescue by sending us the Battalion crew from Northern Philippines to tow us out, but slowly and neatly.

We bother to recollect this afternoon event at a time when most of the English world is at tea (at least in Oz) just because the people involved were just unduly assistive and facilitative even without any prospect of commercial advantage. We are so used these days to immediately figuring out how much anything will cost us, that to be in a position of helplessness and be surrounded by folks only too willing to extend a helping hand was just too much. It sure gave us a new appreciation for the word "Sabbath," the observance rather than the chronos.

It also made us appreciate the cost-effective mobility afforded by the bike when we are no longer tied to a gas-guzzling sedan. So this week, back to pedaling, and to the good Samaritans on Sunday, many, many thanks. May your tribe—indigene and non-indigene—increase on the island of Saipan!

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On island nation building

Some 40 years ago, I had bullish nationalistic sentiment to engage in island nation building. Although it seemed a tall order, I wasn't ready to settle for second best that would result in the promotion of neo-colonialism in perpetuity. I was interested in substantive issues that could be developed into lasting socio-economic programs for the long-term survival of this archipelago.

Sovereignty: It should be understood that when the political status negotiations started in 1972, there were two sovereign entities on both sides of table at the old Saipan Municipal Council building in Chalan Kanoa: The USA and the CNMI.

I don't recall the NMI surrendering its 200-mile EEZ nor was this an issue at the table. It stands to reason that NMI sovereignty still reigns supreme over its migratory, non-migratory and seabed resources. After all, the land and the sea have been and still are part of our long historical affinity with the seat of our cultural traditions for over 4,000 years.

The Chamorros are also seafaring people who have historically traversed the open waters beyond 500 miles. This was part of a study of Micronesian entities and their relationship with the sea between Mili, Tobi and the Taga Stone famous isles of the NMI.

The NMI isn't necessarily endowed with migratory fish. Fish migration begins in South America that head north and splits into two schools going into the republics of the Marshalls and Belau. The NMI benefits before and after the spawning season. Spawning occurs around November when mature fish travel to Japan to lay their eggs during the winter months. After that, they return—through the NMI—into waters around Belau and immediately below the Federated States of Micronesia.

Why should the NMI insist on control over her waters or 200-

mile EEZ? It isn't so much the fish that I find important as much as the seabed resources that includes manganese nodules used to fire rockets and missiles into the air. I also feel very confident that the Philippine Sea fronting the NMI is loaded with the richest oil deposit that is larger than what's found in the Middle East, Southwest Asia (Indonesia and Papua New Guinea), and South America.

Arguably, one may disagree out of ignorance. But the book *Wealth of Nations* speaks volumes about who would be the most powerful country in the world: It is the one who controls global resources. It brings forth the question: What is the U.S. interest in this part of the world? Is it our geographical location or the discovery of a huge deposit of oil or both, the latter information solely the purview of the U.S.?

This scribe believes it is both, though the most immediate need being the defense posture of our country. There's the mounting controversy in the South China Sea being claimed by various Asian countries. There's the escalating controversy over rogue North Korea recently accused of sinking a South Korean warship. There are other countries where political instability is still teeming, i.e., Thailand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Republic of the Philippines, among others.

In fact, there are more reasons in favor of Uncle Sam bowing to the NMI on control of the NMI's 200-mile EEZ. It includes the eventuality of a steady flow of revenue that could be reaped from the extraction of both oil and manganese nodules in our waters—revenue accruing to local coffers. Over the long term, the NMI would need less grant funds from Uncle Sam. And with \$14 trillion in national deficit (slated to increase over the next decade or so), it makes our case stronger versus the uncertainty of seeking and se-

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curing money contingent upon the political mood in DC.

Furthermore, the U.S. is obligated under Section 701 to provide "for a progressively higher standard of living" for the people of the NMI. Acknowledging our rights to fish and harvest seabed resources is just as good a place to begin a long-term plan. The period of exploratory work gives NMI scholars the opportunity to return and guide these isles to brighter tomorrows. The interim grants us time to attain political maturity as we learn the art of strengthening our democratic institutions. These institutions stand greater developmental opportunity for stability by our harvesting the riches in our 200-mile EEZ.

The time to focus on our 200-mile EEZ while meeting the defense needs of our country is now. Paradigms must change to accommodate synergy in what would be beneficial to both our country and these isles. I haven't been complacent on this issue, neither am I prepared to surrender victory. What's vital is the notion of solid alternatives over fickle tourism to instill a greater economic foundation in the development of NMI sea and seabed resources. Scholars, take charge!

ALL IN GOOD TIME

The contents of the Time Capsule

The planners of the Capsule sought to deposit in the Capsule materials and information touching upon all the principal categories of our thought, activity and accomplishment—sparing nothing, neither our wisdom nor our foolishness, our supreme achievements nor recognized weaknesses. Books and pictures were included showing how we lived, some in apartments like dwellers in cliffs, others in detached houses, still others moving about the country in homes mounted on wheels. The story of architecture with pictures of pinnacles soaring into the sky were included.

A description of offices and factories were described, along with machines that write, compute, tabulate, reproduce manuscript a thousandfold, sort out and file; machines that stamp and fashion metals; machines and methods with which metals are knit together by electricity and cut apart by gas; and the complex techniques of mass production. All these are described in words and pictures.

The planners described in text and pictures the arts and entertainment of the day; games played; the history and development and present attainments of painting, sculpture, music, the theater, motion pictures and radio. Representative newspaper and magazines of the day, containing news, articles, fiction and advertisements that were broadly characteristic of the time, together with a widely read novel, cartoons and "comics" that delighted millions in daily newspapers and in moving picture theaters were preserved in the casket of memories.

A Christian Bible and a description of the world's religions was enclosed along with an outline of the world's principal philosophies. A description of educational systems was told in text and pictures.

The stories of these achievements have been set forth in the Time Capsule. The achievement of engineers and inventors who harnessed

the forces of the earth and skies and the mysteries of nature to make our lives pleasant, swift, safe, and fascinating beyond any previous age are described. "We fly faster, higher and farther than the birds. On steel rails we rush safely behind giant horses of metal and fire. Ships as large as palaces cross our seas. Our roads are alive with self-propelling conveyances so complex the most powerful prince could not have owned one a generation ago—yet in our day there is hardly a man so poor he cannot afford this form of personal mobility.

"Over wires pour cataracts of invisible electric power, tamed and harnessed to light our homes, cook our food, cool and clean our air, operate the machines of our homes and factories, lighten the burdens of our daily labor, reach out and capture the voices and music of the air and work a major part of all the complex magic of our day."

Dear NMI reader, recall at this point that Thomas Edison had invented the light bulb only 60 years before the placement of the Time Capsule.

Many small articles were placed therein which contributed to the pleasure and comfort, safety, convenience of the lives of Americans and others in 1939. Articles with which to write, play, groom, correct vision, remove beards, illuminate homes and work places, tell time, make pictures, calculate sums, exchange values, protect property, train children and prepare food.

Believing, as have people of each age, that the women of 1939 were the most beautiful, most intelligent and best groomed of all the ages, there is enclosed in the Time Capsule specimens of modern cosmetics and one of the singular clothing creations of the time—a woman's hat.

A letter from Albert Einstein written in German and deposited in the Time Capsule reads, "The production and distribution of com-



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modities is entirely unorganized, so that everybody must live in fear of being eliminated from the economic cycle, in this way suffering for the want of everything. Furthermore, people living in different countries kill each other at irregular time intervals, so also for this reason anyone who thinks about the future must live in fear and terror. This is due to the fact that the intelligence and character of the masses are incomparably lower than the intelligence and character of the few who produce something valuable for the community.

"I trust that posterity will read these statements with feeling of pride and justified superiority.

"For those who recover the crypt who wish to know how we dress, act and talk, two reels of significant and typical scenes of our time in pictures that move and speak have been imprisoned on ribbons of cellulose coated with silver. If knowledge of machines for projecting these pictures and voices disappear, the machine may nevertheless be recreated after recovery of the Capsule from photographs and descriptions contained therein."

To be continued.

Things to consider

Editor's Note: This is the continuation of a letter published yesterday, July 27, 2010, of the same title.

The islands of the CNMI are small and they have limited inhabitable land area and can only sustain a population within some justified rationale and empirical conditions. The continental U.S. can sustain an influx of immigrants the equivalent of half its current population because the landmass of the U.S. is large enough for such unnatural population growth. Making the 20,000 aliens permanent residents on these islands could not be sustained by the limited landmass and degraded infrastructure we now are facing. The expectation that we can build the infrastructure to sustain such permanent population growth in such a short time is out of the question.

One cannot argue with facts. In the CNMI, we know what are factual and what happened on these islands because we were here and experienced all these human development and tribulations. We can say that we have all the grave markers to prove that. So people who are aliens to these islands could not represent any greater value and expectations because you were not first and part of these islands

long enough. This should not be difficult to understand and the DOI should take this into account.

We became part of the United States by virtue of a just negotiation where we spelled out what we wanted. There was no way that we understood it to mean that one day an undersecretary of the DOI would see it fit that these islands could be transformed in just a short period of time. There is nothing to negotiate on this issue and that the indigenous people should continue to have dominance on these islands, now and for all time. We negotiated the Covenant by making clear the wishes of the indigenous people to continue to have these islands as a place for us in the same way that we say in our CNMI anthem, "I talo gi halom tasi nai gaigi i tano ho."

The badgering and unending advocacy by self-appointed representatives of aliens that the United States should protect their rights is a message that indigenous people have no rights in this matter. As the indigenous people of these islands it is us that should be protected by the United States. And, there is nothing to negotiate about this. We want our land, our culture, our government, our people back.

This is a reclamation, when we are still able to take back what we should have as a people of these islands.

Planting 20,000 aliens without assessing the political, social, and economic impacts to the islands is not good for the indigenous people. The process will never end, knowing the liberal immigration policy of the federal government. We are not just talking about the immediate 20,000 that will take over, but the certain denigration of the indigenous people in the next 25 years. We need not kid ourselves on this, just think about the situation in Fiji and island nations in the Pacific Ocean.

As we develop our views and expectations about hosting aliens on our islands, we will express our honest desires and stick to a just solution because there is room for tolerance while we rid the islands of the excess population. This is the time to do it because of the regressing economic situation and the need to focus on what the CNMI can sustain for the long haul.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Abundant sunshine and pleasant. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Some sun with a few showers	Occasional rain	Sunny and delightful	Some sun with spotty showers
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲ 54 ▼ 50
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 95 ▼ 76
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 75 ▼ 63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 80
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 75
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 55
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 68
Salem	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 51
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 79

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:58 AM	6:49 PM	Today	8:08 PM	7:27 AM
3:17 AM	Today	Low Tide: 1.0 Feet	Thursday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
8:11 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet	Friday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
3:20 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.0 Feet	Saturday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
9:58 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet	Sunday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM

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DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597 5:00am 5:30am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily
C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily
C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily
C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily
C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:00am 8:35am Daily
DL297 3:20pm 5:55pm Daily
DL289 4:35pm 7:10pm Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA

DL640 7:40am 10:20am Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily

SAIPAN-BEIJING

CA988 3:15am 6:55am 1, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604 2:20am 6:00am 1
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OZ119 4:00am 11:20am Daily via KIX
OZ606 3:30pm 7:00pm Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701 2:20am 11:25am 1 via ICN
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DL630/641 6:30am 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288 7:40am 1:10am+1 Daily via NRT
C0890/9606 10:55am 9:00pm 6 via GUM
OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN
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C09603/933 3:05pm 8:40pm Daily via GUM
C09603/893 3:05pm 9:10pm 3, 5 via GUM-
Palau
OZ606/703 3:30pm 11:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09599/PR111 9:35pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
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ETD

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Guam-Rota

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FRE 100 7:30 8:00 Daily

FRE 115 13:00 13:10 Daily

FRE 117 14:30 14:40 Daily

FRE 100 8:20 8:50 Daily

FRE 119 16:00 16:10 Daily

FRE 121 16:40 16:50 Daily


COMMUNITY BRIEFS
Book presentation, signing today at library

The CNMI Library Council, the Library Friends, and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will host a book signing and presentation today, July 28, 2010, at 5pm, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library to introduce the recently published book *From Colonization To Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*.

The book's author, retired justice Jose S. Dela Cruz, will talk about the book and his reasons for writing it. He will then take questions from members of the audi-

ence. Afterwards, copies of the book will be available for sale. Forty percent of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the library. He will make himself available for book signing.

Contact the library at 235-READ (7323) for any question. (PR)

Veterans' briefing

Tina San Augustine, the Department of Veterans Affairs' public contract and outreach specialist for Guam and the CNMI, will be on Rota, Tinian and Saipan on Aug. 23-27, 2010, for a Veterans Outreach on veteran federal benefits. She will be also entertaining

questions and assisting veterans with their claims.

- Rota: Aug. 23, 2010, 8:30am-4:30pm, Rota Mayor's Office conference room
- Tinian: Aug. 24-25, 8:30am-4:30pm, Tinian Municipal Council's office
- Saipan: Aug. 26-27, 8am-4:30pm, Office of Military/Veterans Affairs on Capitol Hill, Building 1364.

For more information, call Ruth Coleman at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs at 664-2650.

Free movie showing at public library

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be

hosting today its free Wednesday Movie Nights, from 5pm to 7pm, featuring Toy Story 2. The library will also have extended hours on Wednesdays, from 11am to 7pm. Call JKPL at 235-READ (7323) for any question or visit www.cnmlibrary.com. (PR)

Free seminar at public library

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe will be hosting a free seminar on "Self-Management Tools for Healthy Living."

- Diabetes 101: July 14, - 5:30pm-7pm
- Nutrition: July 21, - 5:30pm-7pm

- Exercise: July 28, - 5:30pm-7pm
- Medication: Aug. 4, - 5:30pm-7pm

Healthy refreshments will be served while supplies last. (PR)

An invitation to a free musical recital

Keynotes School of Music will be holding its 2010 Summer Musical Recital on July 30, 2010, from 3pm to 5pm at the Susupe Multi-Purpose Center. Students of the Keynotes School's summer programs who are mostly beginners in music education will be featured in the recital, called "The Magical Beginning." (PR)

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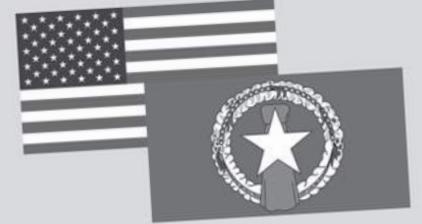
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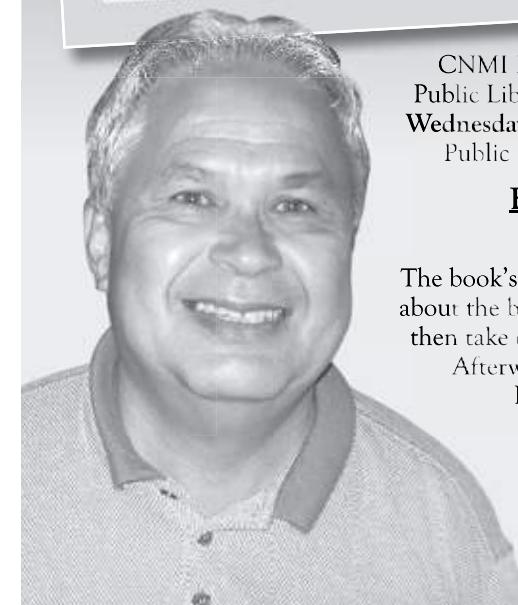
Afterwards, copies of the book will be available for sale.

Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the library.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE

In accordance with Public Law 5-33, Section 4(b) (3) the Public Purpose Land Exchange Authorization Act, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to enter into an exchange agreement to certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the exchange of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 5-33, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- i. The purpose of the land exchange is to acquire a private property for ponding basin. The private property is described as Lot No. 446NEW-F-3, containing an area of 6,420 square meters, more or less, situated in As Lito, Saipan.
- ii. The public land to be exchanged is described as Lot No. 050 L 01, containing an area of 5,923 square meters more or less, located in Obyan, Saipan.
- iii. The private property is owned by Mr. Juan C. Tenorio a resident of As Lito, Saipan.
- iv. A copy of the proposed land exchange agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan.
- v. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 5, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NOTISIA POT MAPROPONEN MA'ATULAIKAN TANO' PUBLIKU

Sigun gi halom I Lai Publiku 5-33 Seksiona 4 (b)(3), Public Purpose Land Exchange Act, I Depattamenton I Tano' Publiku guini ha nā'i notisia i intension-ña para u ma'atulaikan pumalu na tano' publiku siha gi halom Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan Na Islan Marianas siha. Maseha hāyi manentiresāo na petsona siha gi halom I publiku henerā siña munna'hālom infotmasion, opioñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen i propositu siha para I uma'atulaikan I tano' publiku. Komu más mapribeniyi ginen Lai Publiku 5-33, pettanesen infotmasion ni dinimānda na para u mapuplika.

- i. I maproponen i ma'atulaikan tano' para uma'chule I tano' private para chalan publiku. I diskripsion I tineteka na tano' como Lot No. 446NEW-F-3, sais mit kuattro sento bentu i ária 6,420 square meter, potlumenus más, yan, gaige giya As Lito, Saipan.
- ii. I diskripsion i tano' publiku Lot No. 050 L 01, kinensisite i ária 5,923 square meters, potlumenus más, gaige giya Obyan, Saipan.
- iii. I dwennon tano' si Mr. Juan C. Tenorio, residenten As Lito, Saipan.
- iv. I kopian a maproponen i ma'atulaikan tano' siña machule' gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano' Publiku, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan.
- v. I Secretarian i Depattamenton Tano' Publiku para hu aksepta I tinigi' i opioñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen i mapropone na ma'atulakan tano' publiku antes osino gi dia August 5, 2010 gi Depattamenton Tano'.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL SHIWELIL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Alléghúl Toulap 5-33 Section 4 (b)(3), Bwulasiyool Ammwilil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe siiwel eghús falúw mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Téel Falúwasch Marianas. Schóóka eyoor máfyieer rebwe isisilong aghighiir, awwew, aingiingi reel pomwol siiwel yeel. Alléghú Toulap ye 5-3 Section 4 (b)(3) e ayoora, lamal awwew kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatééló.

- i. Pomwol siiwelil falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No. 446NEW-F-3, eyoor olongaras faabwúghúw ruwigh (6,420 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo As Lito, Seipél. Tilighial buley yeel nge, eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap ngáre óubwe ghuley fishey.
- ii. Falúweer toulap yeel nge Lot No. 050 L 01, eyoor limangaras tiwabwúghúw ruwigh me eluuw Lot 050 L 01 lapel falúw ye, elo Obyan, Seipél.
- iii. Mr. Juan C. Tenrio elollo As Lito, Seipél, yaal falúw ye ebwe siiwel ngale falúweer toulap.
- iv. Tilghial siiwel yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughil mereel mwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwodal (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building loll Tuturam, Seipél.
- v. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal August 5, 2010, mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél.

Business

BoH posts 48 pct. hike in diluted earnings

HONOLULU, HI—Bank of Hawaii Corp. yesterday reported diluted earnings per share of \$0.96 for the second quarter of 2010, which was up 48 percent from diluted earnings per share of \$0.65 in the same quarter last year.

Net income for the second quarter of 2010 was \$46.6 million compared to net income of \$52.7 million in the first quarter of 2010, and up from \$31 million in the second quarter of 2009.

Second quarter 2010 results include a provision for credit losses of \$15.9 million, down from \$20.7 million in the first quarter of 2010, and down from \$28.7 million in the second quarter of 2009. Non-interest income in the second quarter of 2010 included net gains of \$15 million on sales of investment securities compared with \$20 million in the first quarter of 2010.

Average deposits continued to be strong during the second quarter of 2010, holding stable at \$9.4 billion. Total shareholders' equity exceeded \$1 billion at the end of the quarter. The allowance for loan and lease losses increased to \$147.4 million during the second quarter of 2010 and represents 2.71 percent of outstanding loans and leases.

The return on average assets for the second quarter of 2010 was 1.48 percent, down from 1.73 percent in the previous quarter, and up from 1.06 percent during the same quarter last year. The return on average equity for the second quarter of 2010 was 19.01 percent compared to 22.54 percent for the first quarter of 2010 and 14.49 percent in the second quarter of 2009.

For the six months ended June 30, 2010, net income was \$99.3 million, up \$32.3 million compared to net income of \$67.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Now the former geologist is set to resign. Following weeks of speculation about his future, Hayward is to step down from the company's top job in October and will be offered a post at the company's TNK-BP joint venture in Russia, a person familiar with the matter said Monday.

lion for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$2.05 for the first half of 2010, up from \$1.40 for the first half of 2009. The year-to-date return on average assets was 1.60 percent, up from 1.18 percent for the same period in 2009. The year-to-date return on average equity was 20.73 percent, up from 16.13 percent for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The efficiency ratio for the first half of 2010 was 47.59 percent compared with 53.78 percent for the same period last year.

Results for the first six months of 2010 included \$35.0 million in net gains on investment securities, net interest recoveries of \$2.8 million, and a gain of \$1.2 million on the sale of leased equipment partially offset by an accrual of \$3.3 million for employee cash grants for the purchase of Company stock. Results for the first six months of 2009 included gains of \$13.7 million from the disposition of leased equipment and the sale of the Company's retail insurance brokerage business. Gains in the first half of 2009 were partially offset by expenses for legal contingencies, an industry-wide FDIC assessment, and early debt retirement.

Hayward boosted BP's bottom line, but not safety

of stopping the gusher.



Hayward

LONDON (AP)—Two decades ago, Tony Hayward was a "turtle"—one of a handful of young high fliers at BP earmarked for great things, named after the cartoon warriors, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Fast-tracked through BP's heavy bureaucracy by the man he would succeed as CEO, John Browne, Hayward took the top job three years ago promising to focus "like a laser" on safety and change the company's cham-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil hovers at \$79 as traders eye equities, demand

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered for a second day near \$79 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors weighed a three-day stock market rally against signs of sluggish U.S. crude demand. Benchmark crude for September delivery was down 3 cents at \$78.95 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract was unchanged to settle at \$78.98 on Monday. Surging U.S. stock markets have underpinned oil prices as traders often look to equities as a barometer of overall investor sentiment. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1 percent Monday and is up about 4 percent in the last three trading sessions. Most Asian stocks gained Tuesday.

EU starts IBM antitrust probes

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Union opened two antitrust investigations against IBM Corp. Monday, accusing the American technology giant of abusing its dominant position in the mainframe computer market. One investigation stems from complaints by emulator software vendors T3 and Turbo Hercules, which accuse IBM of tying the sale of mainframe hardware to its mainframe operating system, the European Commission said. The

other, begun at the EU executive's own initiative, accuses IBM of "discriminatory behavior toward competing suppliers of mainframe maintenance services." The opening of EU antitrust investigations does not mean the European Commission has proof of any wrongdoing, only that it sees cause for a deeper look into corporate behavior.

FedEx boosts forecast for current quarter, year

NEW YORK (AP)—In another sign of confidence in the global economy, FedEx Corp. on Monday raised its earnings outlook for the current quarter and full year. The world's second-largest package delivery company said an overall boom in air and truck shipments is being driven by its speedy international priority service, where it ships high value goods like computers, iPhones and e-readers. Shipments are particularly strong out of Asia. Besides gadgets, the company's next largest international priority segments are electrical components like disk drives and flash memory, vehicle components, high-end luxury goods and drugs and medical supplies. International priority shipments are expected to jump 20 percent this quarter—showing that customers are increasingly willing to pay more to get packages faster.

Nation

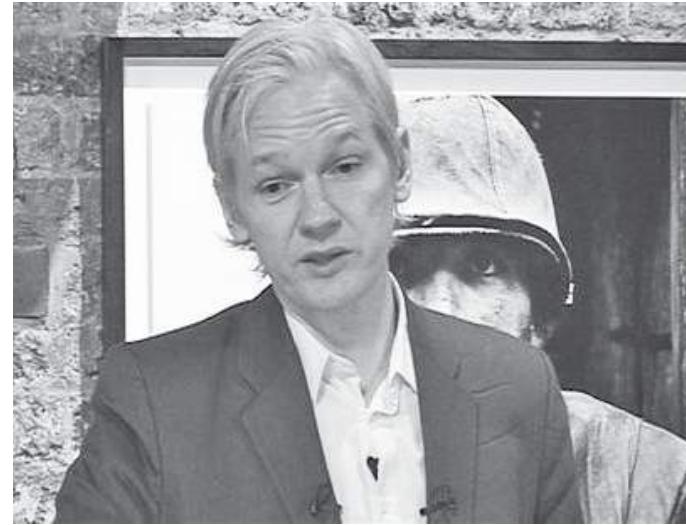
Leaks create fresh doubt about Afghan war, secrets

WASHINGTON (AP)—The monumental leak of classified Afghan war documents threatened Monday to create deeper doubts about the war at home, cause new friction with Pakistan over allegations about its spy agency and raise questions around the world about Washington's own ability to protect military secrets.

The White House called the disclosures "alarming."

The torrent of more than 91,000 secret documents, one of the largest unauthorized disclosures in military history, sent the Obama administration scrambling to assess and repair any damage to the war effort, either abroad or in the U.S. The material could reinforce the view put forth by the war's opponents in Congress that one of the nation's longest conflicts is hopelessly stalemated.

Still, the leaks are not expected to affect passage of a \$60 billion war funding bill. Despite strong opposition among liberals who see Afghanistan as an unwinnable quagmire, House Democrats must either approve the bill before leaving at the



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange speaks during a press conference in London Monday July 26, 2010.

end of this week for a six-week vacation, or commit political suicide by leaving troops in the lurch in war zones overseas.

The Pentagon also was looking at possible damage on the ground in Afghanistan.

"Someone inadvertently or on purpose gave the Taliban its new 'enemies list,'" declared Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., who said the White House indicated

the disclosures compromised a number of Afghan sources.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs emphasized that the documents covered the period before President Barack Obama ordered a major increase in U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan, and the administration denied they would cause any policy shift in the fight against Taliban insurgents.

Immigrant groups criticize fingerprint initiative

DENVER (AP)—The federal government is rapidly expanding a program to identify illegal immigrants using fingerprints from arrests, drawing opposition from local authorities and advocates who argue the initiative amounts to an excessive dragnet.

The program has gotten less attention than Arizona's new

immigration law, but it may end up having a bigger impact because of its potential to round up and deport so many immigrants nationwide.

The San Francisco sheriff wanted nothing to do with the program, and the City Council in Washington, D.C., blocked use of the fingerprint plan in

the nation's capital. Colorado is the latest to debate the program, called Secure Communities, and immigrant groups have begun to speak up, telling the governor in a letter last week that the initiative will make crime victims reluctant to cooperate with police "due to fear of being drawn into the immigration regime."

ACROSS THE NATION

Power outages hit Mid-Atlantic after storm; 4 dead

WASHINGTON (AP)—It could take days to restore power to hundreds of thousands of people around Washington after a storm downed power lines and trees and left four people dead, officials said Monday. The Sunday storm brought cooler weather to the Mid-Atlantic region, which has been through a nearly two-week heat wave, but also left widespread damage in Washington and its suburbs. Power outages affected more than 430,000 customers. Officials said they hadn't seen a similar outage since Hurricane Isabel in 2003. Regional utility Pepco reported late Monday that about 182,000 customers were without power in Washington and neighboring Maryland counties. The widespread damage made it unclear when most would be restored, spokesman Bob Hainey said. Major power lines were down, electric poles were broken, and numerous transformers were damaged.

Daughter urges Okla. voters to not vote for father

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—An Oklahoma judicial candidate is fending off a political attack from his daughter, who has taken out a local newspaper ad urging voters: "Do not vote for my dad!" McClellan County judicial hopeful John Mantooth's daughter and son-in-law paid for the quarter-page advertisement, which features a picture of the daughter's family, highlights cases in which Mantooth has been sued and lists a website the

couple started, <http://www.donotvoteformydad.com>. Mantooth said the bad blood stems from his 1981 divorce from his daughter's mother. "This is a family issue which should have been kept private," he said Monday. "I'm very sad about this. I'm very disappointed. I'm hurt, but I love my daughter, and I want things to get better, and I hope they will." Jan Schill, 31, said she never had a good relationship with her father and doesn't think he'd make a good judge.

Workers in NYC begin to dismantle ground zero ship

NEW YORK (AP)—Plank by plank, archeologists on Monday began the delicate process of dismantling a section of an 18th century ship that was found buried across the street from the World Trade Center site. Each plank will be freeze-dried so that the fragmentary hull can eventually be reassembled and put on display, said Nichole Doub, head conservator for the Maryland Archeological Conservation Laboratory. The 32-foot section of the nameless vessel was found earlier this month as workers were excavating for the rebuilt World Trade Center's parking garage. The archeologists who carefully began taking it apart said they were thrilled by the historic find. "This is my first ship. I've been doing archeology in New York City for almost 30 years," said Diane Dallal, director of archeology for AKRF, an environmental, engineering and planning consulting firm that is working on the project.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-088

"NETWORK DESIGN/INSTALLATION OF ROUTING/SWITCHING EQUIPMENT"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested to do "Network Design and Installation of Routing/Switching Equipment for the Public School System". The detailed Scope of Work is available beginning on July 28, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or by E-mail request to Joe Torres, PSS E-Rate Coordinator at joseph.torres@cnmipss.org.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor Retirement Fund Building. Potential Off-Island Proposers may make arrangement to participate in this meeting via teleconference, but are encouraged to attend in person if at all possible due to the anticipated detail and complexity involved in this RFP.

Questions arising after this Meeting must be addressed to Joe Torres, E-rate Coordinator via E-mail no later than Monday, August 16, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "PSS RFP 10-088" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and physically submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Friday, August 27, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Proposals may also be submitted electronically to Joe Torres with a Cc: of the cover page only sent to PSS P&S at robert.florian@cnmipss.org for receipt documentation purposes. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
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/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-091

"MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE PSS HEAD START PROGRAM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in providing "Mental Health Consultation Services for the Public School System's Head Start Program." The Scope of Work is available beginning on July 21, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions must be in writing and address to Kathleen Keiko Yamagata, Head Start Program Director via fax to (670) 664-3760 or e-mailed to keikoyamagata74@yahoo.com no later than August 10, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "RFP 10-091" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Ofice no later than August 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

The Public School System reserves the right to award single or mulitiple awards or to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System.

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Asia

RP leader Aquino blasts predecessor

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Newly elected Philippine President Benigno Aquino III on Monday blasted his predecessor's administration for what he called misguided and corrupt policies that nearly depleted the government's coffers.

"The country was misled and kept in the dark about the true conditions of our country," Aquino said in his first state of the nation address since assuming office last month. "As days go by, the massive scope of the problems we have inherited becomes much clearer."

In the first six months of the year, former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's administration spent more than it earned, pushing the budget deficit to 196.7 billion pesos (\$4.2 billion), or 3.9 percent of gross domestic product, Aquino said.

He said his government was left with only 6.5 percent of this year's budget of 1.54 trillion pesos (\$33 billion). He suggested money was spent on "useless" projects "which went to chosen beneficiaries only."

Aquino said 60 percent of calamity funds earmarked for rehabilitation of typhoon-stricken areas had already been spent although the rainy season had just begun.

Arroyo's former chief of



Philippine President Benigno Aquino III delivers his first State-Of-The-Nation-Address at the opening of the Joint session of 15th Philippine Congress at the Lower House at suburban Quezon City north of Manila on Monday July 26, 2010.

staff, Elena Bautista, said public funds were used properly by her administration and a detailed explanation will be issued to counter Aquino's allegations.

Although most of Aquino's promises were not new, his speech still inspired people, ex-President Fidel Ramos said. "I know what he will say because I've also said those in my time."

Arroyo, who stepped down last month after nine tumultuous years interspersed by coup attempts and allegations of misrule and rampant corruption, was not present for Aquino's speech in the Philippine Congress. Newspapers published pictures of Arroyo—a newly elected representative from her home province—leaving for a trip to Hong Kong.

Aquino said he would sign this week an order creating a truth commission to investigate alleged wrongdoing committed under Arroyo. She has denied the accusations and said she was ready to face any probe.

The son of two Philippine democracy icons, Aquino, 50, was a low-key legislator until he swept to a landslide win in May 10 elections—buoyed by his illustrious family name, his anti-corruption platform and Filipinos' longing for moral and political renewal.

In his speech, he promised his government will provide jobs, health care, schools and infrastructure to help farmers and to attract more investors, but such lofty objectives have eluded past administrations that failed to bridge the divide between the wealthy elite and the third of the 90 million population who live on a dollar a day.

four-day exercises—which North Korea condemns—has been flying off the decks of the USS George Washington, a U.S. supercarrier that can carry up to 70 aircraft and more than 5,000 sailors and aviators.

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HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—An official says a mass grave has been found containing the remains of 40 communist soldiers killed during the Vietnam War. Lt. Col. Do Van Dai in central Dak Nong province says it took excavators nearly four weeks to recover the remains, which were reburied at the provincial military cemetery Monday. Dai said Tuesday that the soldiers were believed killed during an attack on a base of the U.S.-backed South Vietnamese army in December 1965. Dai says two former South Vietnamese soldiers informed authorities of the grave, where excavators are still searching for more remains. An estimated 3 million Vietnamese and 58,000 Americans were killed in the war, which ended in 1975 when communist North Vietnamese forces overran the capital of South Vietnam.

US shows its power to NKorea with carrier drills

ABOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (AP)—The East Sea off the coast of the Korean peninsula roiled Monday with U.S. and South Korean ships, submarines, fighter jets and helicopters—high-profile military maneuvers intended to show North Korea that it is being watched.

Military officials said that despite threats of retaliation, North Korea was staying clear. Most of the firepower for the

four-day exercises—which North Korea condemns—has been flying off the decks of the USS George Washington, a U.S. supercarrier that can carry up to 70 aircraft and more than 5,000 sailors and aviators.

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—A war crimes tribunal sentenced the Khmer Rouge's chief jailer on Monday to a prison term that will see him serve less than half a day for every person killed at the notorious torture center he commanded. Survivors expressed anger and disbelief that a key player in the genocide that wiped out a quarter of Cambodia's population could one day walk free—despite being convicted of war crimes and crimes

World

Natural gas could lead to new Lebanon-Israel war

BEIRUT (AP)—The discovery of large natural gas reserves under the waters of the eastern Mediterranean could potentially mean a huge economic windfall for Israel and Lebanon, both resource-poor nations—if it doesn't spark new war between them.

The Hezbollah militant group has blared warnings that Israel plans to steal natural gas from Lebanese territory and vows to defend the resources with its arsenal of rockets. Israel says the fields it is developing do not extend into Lebanese waters, a claim experts say appears to be correct, but the maritime boundary be-

tween the two countries—still officially at war—has never been precisely set.

"Lebanon's need for the resistance has doubled today in light of Israeli threats to steal Lebanon's oil wealth," Hezbollah's Executive Council chief Hashem Safieddine said last month. The need to protect the offshore wealth "pushes us in the future to strengthen the resistance's capabilities."

The threats cast a shadow over what could be a financial boon for both nations, with energy companies finding what appear to be substantial natural gas deposits in their waters.

Israel is far ahead in the race

Venezuela warns of aggression, seeks dialogue

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Venezuela warned Monday that there is a greater probability of military action by Colombian forces supported by the United States than in the past 100 years and expressed hope that Colombia's incoming president will signal a change in policy that leads to restoration of diplomatic relations between the two South

American countries.

Venezuela's U.N. Ambassador Jorge Valero asked U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at a meeting Monday afternoon to distribute a letter to the other U.N. member states which expresses hope that President-elect Juan Manuel Santos does not follow "the warmongering plans" of the U.S. government and Colom-

bia's outgoing President Alvaro Uribe.

It also expresses hope that Santos, who takes office on Aug. 7, "gives clear and unambiguous signals that it has the political will to resume the path of dialogue, taking into consideration that the current government of Colombia has severed all diplomatic bridges with Venezuela."

Fidel absent, Raul silent at Cuba's Revolution Day

SANTA CLARA, Cuba (AP)—A B-team of socialist speakers spent Cuba's Revolution Day bashing the United States for everything from its drug consumption to the war in Iraq to its military support for Colombia, portraying Washington as the great villain in world affairs.

But the day was more notable for who didn't address

the crowd—President Raul Castro never took the lectern, brother Fidel Castro was a no-show and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez canceled his trip to Cuba altogether. It was the first Revolution Day in memory in which neither Castro spoke, leaving some in the crowd and on Cuba's streets disappointed and perplexed. No reason was given.

ACROSS THE NATION

Twin car bombs kill 25 in Iraqi city of Karbala

BAGHDAD (AP)—Two car bombs targeting Shiite pilgrims during a religious festival in the holy city of Karbala killed 25 people on Monday, Iraqi police and hospital officials said. Sunni extremists are suspected. Militants detonated two parked cars filled with explosives about two miles (three kilometers) apart as crowds of pilgrims passed by. Police and medical officials in Karbala, 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Baghdad, said 68 people were injured in the attacks. The pilgrims were on their way to Karbala to take part in an important religious holiday, known as Shabaniyah, that attracts devout Shiites from around the country. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Monday bombings, but the method is the hallmark of Sunni extremists.

Experts slam organizers over Germany stampede

DUISBURG, Germany (AP)—Prosecutors on Monday opened a criminal investigation into the deaths of 20 young adults who were trampled to death at the Love Parade, as experts accused the techno festival's organizers of ignoring Germany's exemplary safety standards and setting up a death trap. Prosecutors did not specify who had been named as suspects in the negligent man-

slaughter probe. But organizers and authorities in the western city of Duisburg have come under fire for allegedly trying to squeeze as many as 1.4 million revelers into too small a space and for allowing the party to go on even after the deaths. The tragedy Saturday happened near a jammed tunnel that was the only entrance to the festival grounds in an old freight railway station. Police said 511 people were injured.

Mexican police investigate possible new drug gang

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)—Mexican authorities are investigating the possible emergence of a new drug gang that appeared to take credit for six killings through a message left with the bodies Monday, officials said. The six men were found inside a car in the southwestern city of Chilpancingo, Guerrero state police said in a statement. Next to them lay a message reading: "This will happen to all rapists, extortionists and kidnappers. Attentively, the New Cartel of the Sierra." Authorities are investigating the authenticity of the gang, said an official with the state prosecutors office, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the case. The official said authorities had no previous knowledge of such an organized crime group.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China landslide leaves 21 missing amid floods

BEIJING (AP)—A landslide caused by rains in southern China left 21 people missing Tuesday, adding to a growing death toll from China's worst flood season in a decade, which is expected to worsen with heavy rains forecast across the country. Rescuers searched for 21 people missing after a landslide in Hanyuan County in China's southern province of Sichuan on Tuesday morning, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Rocks and mud buried 58 homes and about 4,000 villagers were evacuated from their homes. Floods this year have already killed at least 823 people, left 437 missing and caused tens of billions of dollars in damage, the State Flood Control and Drought Prevention reported.

Khmer Rouge jailer faces 19 years for 16,000 dead

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—A war crimes tribunal sentenced the Khmer Rouge's chief jailer on Monday to a prison term that will see him serve less than half a day for every person killed at the notorious torture center he commanded. Survivors expressed anger and disbelief that a key player in the genocide that wiped out a quarter of Cambodia's population could one day walk free—despite being convicted of war crimes and crimes

Campus Life

At 100, Boy Scouts try to adapt to a new world

By SCOTT K. PARKS
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS—Norman Rockwell's iconic images defined the Boy Scouts throughout the 20th century. Rosy-cheeked Scouts, solemn faces framed by short hair, looked as if they were gazing at goodness itself. They never appeared cynical or sardonic.

Times were simpler when the Boy Scouts of America was born in 1910. Most of the country lived in rural settings. People were familiar with hunting, fishing and outdoor labor. By mid-century, boys still practically lived outdoors, traveling the neighborhood on bicycles and playing sandlot ball until sunset. Fast food and video games lay in the distant future, and most of white America had not reached out to other races.

As the Boy Scouts enter their second century in 2010, membership has been declining for five years. Smart phones, iPods and laptops present stiff competition to a youth organization based on camping, hiking and quaint practices such as taking care of a pocketknife.

The challenge is how to reach out to families and convince them that Scouting is worth their time.

"I couldn't spell 'blog' two years ago," said Bob Mazzuca, chief executive for the Irving, Texas-based Boy Scouts of America. "Now I write one."

Today, a tradition-bound organization must change without abandoning its devotion to God, the outdoors and straight living, Mazzuca said during an interview with The Dallas Morning News.

He talked about three specific areas targeted for change:

- Integration of new technology into Scouting programs. This includes small things, such as a new uniform pocket for a smart phone, and large ones, such as a partnership with MIT to help Scouts earn a newly created Inventing merit badge.

- Focus on bringing more Hispanic boys into Scouting. The Boy Scout Handbook has been translated into Spanish. But Mazzuca said it will take more than translating Anglo concepts into Spanish. "It means understanding what resonates in a community," he said.

- Becoming advocates for children's health. "We are now talking about the first generation in history that is likely to be less healthy than the previous generation," he said. In 2011, Scouting will launch an initiative to improve child health. "We have not positioned ourselves as advocates for children," Mazzuca said.

Another challenge—no one is quite sure how serious it will become—is how to handle court cases in which former Scouts say the organization did not do enough to keep pedophile adults from sexually abusing them.

If past years are any indication, the Scouts will begin the next 100 years with millions of dollars at their disposal to handle that problem and any others that crop up. It's a big, rich organization.

Mazzuca earned \$1.2 million in 2008, according to the income tax return filed by the Boy Scouts of America National Council. The organization reported revenue of \$150 million and total assets of \$500 million in 2008, the



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Boy Scout Troop 300 leader Jared Wildenborg, center, leads the troop in a closing circle at the First Presbyterian Church in Plano, Texas, on Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

most recent year for which financial data is available.

The Boy Scout museum, which sits in a building adjacent to the national office in Irving, holds a collection valued at \$45 million, including an impressive array of Norman Rockwell paintings.

Essentially, Mazzuca and the BSA national council set policy for thousands of Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops across the nation. So, no matter where you live, processes such as earning merit badges and advancing to Eagle Scout are uniform.

Part of the national council's revenue comes from a \$15 annual fee paid by each Scout and adult volunteer. United Way provides funding in some communities, including Dallas. The Scouts actively solicit money from philanthropists, foundations and corporations.

The national council also operates and maintains vast wilderness areas for camping, hiking, canoeing and environmental-conservation programs. By the time of the next National Scout Jamboree in 2013, a recently acquired 10,600-acre site in West Virginia will become the permanent site of the event.

The jamboree, which normally is staged every four years, has been held in recent decades at Fort A.P. Hill, a U.S. military installation in Virginia. Thousands of Scouts will attend this year's event, which begins Monday, to celebrate the BSA's centennial year.

The West Virginia land acquisition is testimony to the Boy Scouts' continued strength. It was made possible by a \$50 million gift from the S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation—the largest donation in BSA history. And the deal reveals a secret to Scouting's continued success. The cherished childhood memories, particularly those of rich men, are worth gold.

"Scouting made a tremendous impact on my life," said Stephen D. Bechtel Jr., whose family made a fortune in the engineering and construction business. "It's the source of some of my fondest memories."

Fourth-generation Eagle Scout Jeremy

Wildenborg of Wylie, Texas, is growing up in an era of early sexualization, hip-hop anger, casual drug use and suspicions that the future may not be all that great.

Asked what Scouting means to his life, the 16-year-old uttered one sentence that communicated the gritty essence of today's Scouting as clearly as the Rockwell paintings captured yesterday's bucolic truth:

"It's an excuse to do something right."

As members of Troop 300 in Plano, Wildenborg and his fellow Scouts don't have much to say about the cultural battles that Mazzuca and the national council have waged to keep gays, atheists and agnostics from their ranks.

Troop 300 is a modest operation. It is neither large nor small within the context of the Circle 10 Council, which covers 10 North Texas counties and one county in Oklahoma.

The troop has been meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Plano since 1952. Wildenborg and 20 other teens meet on Monday nights. One dad is Scoutmaster and several others serve as assistants.

Jared Wildenborg, Jeremy's father, has chosen Scouting as a vehicle for father-son bonding. Given his own experience as an Eagle, he is passing down a tradition, hoping that Scouting will play a role in carrying his son to maturity and a healthy adult life.

It's not always easy.

"One of our challenges is that we have to compete for the boys' time with all this technology stuff," he said. "We have to figure out more ways to make Scouting cool."

Jeremy and his fellow Scouts acknowledge that Scouting is not considered cool at school. They don't wear their uniforms to classes or talk about Scouting much on campus.

Ben Fullerton, 15, serves as senior



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Boy Scout Troop 300 member Patrick Johnson, 16, wears a merit badge sash during the troop's weekly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Plano, Texas, on Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

patrol leader for Troop 300. He's a big kid with a dry wit. "What I like about Scouting is I get to meet guys from other schools," he said. "And where else could I get to build a bonfire?"

Recently, a meeting focused on Jeremy's Eagle Scout service project. Referring to a notebook stuffed with photos and papers, he explained to fellow Scouts (ages 11 to 17) how he built a reading loft for an elementary school. "I went to Lowe's, and they sold everything to me at cost," Jeremy said. "They do that if it's for Scouting."

No one from Troop 300 is attending the jamboree in Virginia. The boys would prefer to save their money—attending the jamboree can cost \$1,500 to \$2,500—for activities related to primitive camping.

"The whole point is that the boys learn to take initiative and develop leadership skills," said Jared Wildenborg, a recent Troop 300 Scoutmaster. "If we go on a campout, for example, the boys plan the menu, buy the food, cook the food."

"Our troop is boy-led all the way. Adults provide a safe environment and do the driving."

Incoming Troop 300 Scoutmaster Jim Brunner thinks for a minute, then talks about what he likes most about Scouting.

"You can get a boy who's 11 and cannot roll up a sleeping bag," he said. "And three years later, he has become a leader who knows how to do everything to prepare for and execute a camping trip."

TIMELINE

1910:	Boy Scouts of America is incorporated in Washington, D.C.
1911:	BSA publishes first edition of Boys' Life magazine.
1918:	Scout troops help public-health officials fight Spanish influenza epidemic.
1920:	First World Scout Jamboree is held.
1930:	BSA launches Cub Scout program for younger children.
1941-45:	BSA aids the U.S. effort in World War II by distributing war bonds, salvaging and recycling critical materials such as rubber and assisting fire-fighting brigades.
1950:	U.S. Post Office issues first stamp honoring Boy Scouts of America.
1960:	BSA membership soars as more baby-boom children become Scout age.
1967:	BSA changes Cub Scout "den mother" position to "den leader" to make room for men.
1979:	BSA National Council, the organization's corporate office, moves to Irving, Texas.
1980:	Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta creates a new Boy Scout uniform.
1982:	Number of Eagle Scouts hits 1 million.
2000:	U.S. Supreme Court rules that BSA can bar gays from Scouting.
2010:	BSA celebrates 100th anniversary.

Source: Boy Scouts of America; Dallas Morning News research

SCOUTING BY THE BOOK

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal,
helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave,
clean, and reverent.

SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared

SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a Good Turn Daily

OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.

Source: *The Boy Scout Handbook*

Life & Style

Q&A: Paul McCartney plays for the White House

NEW YORK (AP)—Perhaps only Paul McCartney could call a performance at the White House a little club gig.

In June, McCartney was awarded the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, an honor bestowed by the Library of Congress. Accepting it, McCartney performed in the East Room of the White House for President Barack Obama and the first family, who sat front row center.

Guests including Stevie Wonder, Elvis Costello, the Jonas Brothers, Jack White and others taking turns playing Beatles classics. Jerry Seinfeld summarized the choice of McCartney for the Gershwin simply as "duh."

PBS will broadcast the concert as part of its "In Performance at the White House" series on Wednesday (8 p.m. EDT).

For the 68-year-old rock 'n' roller, the evening was clearly meaningful. He sang "Michelle" to Michelle Obama, adding that he hoped the president wouldn't punch him out. For the first time, he performed "Ebony and Ivory" live with Stevie Wonder. And he performed one of the more star-studded singalongs of "Hey Jude," complete with the Obamas joining onstage.

McCartney was so fond of the concert—which he called "a little club gig"—that he has already rewatched it, and plans to again. Sir Paul took a moment out of his North American tour to reflect on his trip to the White House.

AP: Why was this particular gig a "biggie," as you called it?

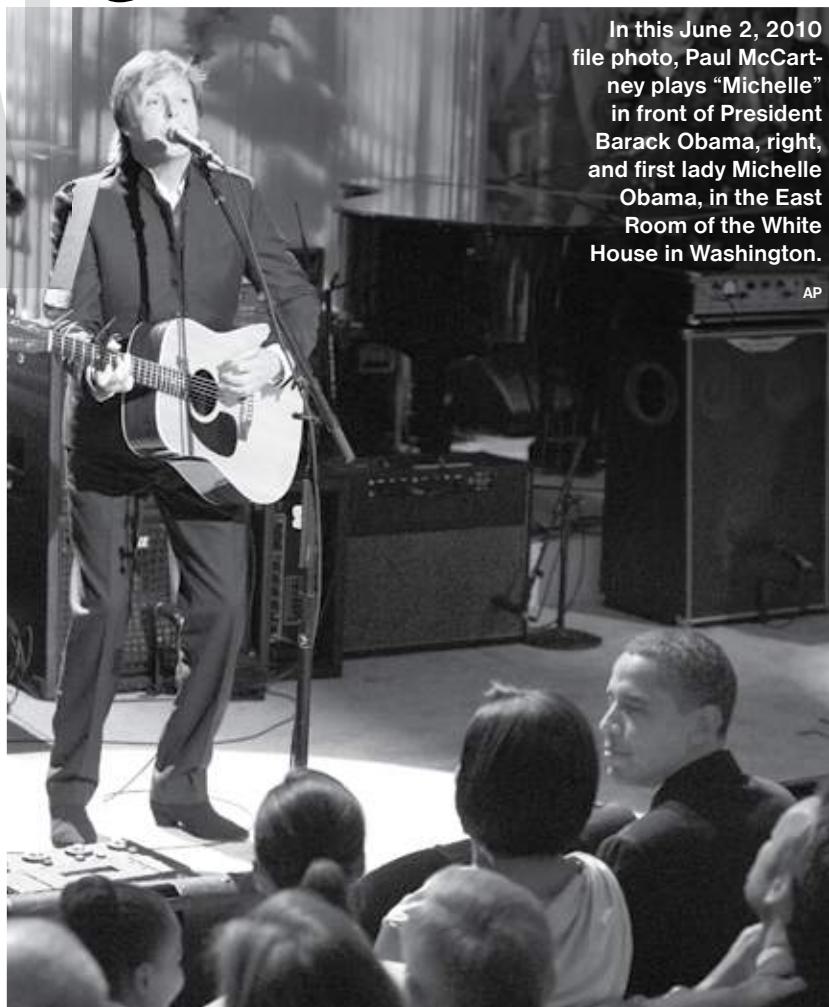
McCartney: I'm a fan of the president. I believe that he's been dealt a bad hand. He came into that job with a lot of difficulties on his plate that weren't of his creation. So I was eager to meet him, being a fan of his and his wife. I had never actually been to the White House, so that was great. And the idea of playing in the White House was very interesting. We wondered what the acoustics would be like, but they turned out to be great. So we had a great time, just the event of it all. We were all very excited. From me, myself, to the lowliest crew member, we were all buzzing.

AP: You joked that you were worried the president might punch you after you sang "Michelle."

McCartney: It was such a nice, friendly atmosphere. It was almost like a little family gathering. So I felt free to say anything I wanted to, just like he was a cousin, like a family wedding or something—just goofy stuff. We found his whole family very relaxing to be with, and I think he found us, hopefully, the same way. So it was nice on that level. And he didn't punch me out, thank goodness.

AP: Was playing "Ebony and Ivory" for the first black president a moment that resonated?

McCartney: One of the highs was singing "Ebony and Ivory" with Stevie because we'd never done it live together, so that was great. To sing it live together for the very first time with the first black president there, it suddenly gave a great significance to the song. Sometimes you write a song in a certain era and it's got a certain kind of significance. I don't think I would have



In this June 2, 2010 file photo, Paul McCartney plays "Michelle" in front of President Barack Obama, right, and first lady Michelle Obama, in the East Room of the White House in Washington. AP

imagined then that it would be quite so soon that America would elect a black president. It wasn't that soon, but it was a relatively short period of time. To sing it with Stevie in front of President Obama was very emotional. The lyrics to the song suddenly seemed to have more sig-

nificance to me in that setting.

AP: What else was memorable from your first trip to the White House?

McCartney: Getting through the security of the White House. For the

rehearsal, we got through fine. But for the actual gig, we were sort of not let in. At the gate we said, "We're the entertainment." He said, "No, you'll have to walk around the other block." It was heavy traffic, so we're going, "Oh geesh. Wouldn't you just know it."

AP: What was your impression of the president?

McCartney: At the very end, President Obama leaves the stage and he shook hands with my longtime associate, my guitar roadie John Hammel. John was quite taken aback. The president said, "That was fun, wasn't it? Thank you." But then the thing that I thought was amazing was he then reached over to our keyboard technician who was a little out of the way, and he didn't need to do that. He reached over to this guy D.J.—who is a big admirer of Obama's—and he took his hand and he said, "Thank you, thank you." I was blown away. For me, the fact that he reached out to my crew was very heartwarming. It takes a great man to do that. In this business, some people are just jerks.

AP: A night like that, with fellow musicians and dignitaries, are you able to quite fathom the impact of the Beatles and yourself on music and culture?

McCartney: That's what's so amazing. It isn't quite possible. It's nearly possible. I think as time goes by I kind of understand a little bit more, just the

reflective lens lends a bit of clarity to it. I meet so many people that just sort of say, "I want to thank you for your music. It really helped me" or "It changed my life." I think back and I think, well, the interesting thing about the Beatles was: The music was one thing, but we kind of symbolized a certain kind of freedom at a time when people of our generation were just growing up and just becoming adults. This idea that you could maybe do anything with your life instead of just going down the road that was laid out for you. And it affected a lot of people. It's hard to take it in, but it's very gratifying.

AP: The namesake of the honor is George Gershwin, and you grew up a devoted fan of Tin Pan Alley songwriting. What do you think is the most important thing that makes a song work?

McCartney: The most important ingredient to making a song work is the magic. You've got a melody, you've got words, but on the more successful songs, there's a sort of magic glow that just happens and you can feel it happening. It just makes the songs sort of roll out. So something like "Yesterday," which I dreamed, that was the magic—the mere fact that I had the whole thing in a dream. And in other songs like "Let it Be," that actually came from a dream where I saw my mother in the dream. "Hey Jude" just rolls out—"The Long & Winding Road." But the ones that have become the most successful—"Eleanor Rigby"—something about them just felt kind of magical. So I suppose I'd say the one ingredient that was special to all of them was the magic in them. Does that make sense?

Vatican reverses itself, painting not a Caravaggio

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican's top art historian on Monday shot down a report in its own newspaper that suggested a recently discovered painting was a Caravaggio.

The head of the Vatican Museums, Antonio Paolucci, wrote in the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* that the work was most likely a copy of an original by a Caravaggio-influence artist.

It was *L'Osservatore* itself that set the art world aflutter last week with a front-page article headlined "A New Caravaggio," detailing the artistry behind the "Martyrdom of St. Lawrence," which had been discovered in the sacristy of a Jesuit church in Rome.

The author of the article, art historian Lydia Salviucci Insolera, had made clear that she was not making any conclusions about the authenticity of the work and that more diagnostic tests were required.

But the impression given by the newspaper was that the painting was indeed a never-before-seen Caravaggio: The definitive-sounding headline appeared above the fold alongside a color photograph of the dramatic painting—on the 400th anniversary to the day of the master's death.

The Vatican has in the past announced such art-world news in



Undated picture made available Monday, July 19, 2010, by the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* showing "The Martyrdom of St. Lawrence" painting. AP

L'Osservatore, such as when it revealed last year that the earliest known icon of St. Paul had been discovered in a Roman catacomb just in time for the saint's feast day.

The original Caravaggio article published June 18 pointed out that the "The Martyrdom of St. Lawrence" presented features typical of the artist's style, such as the use of chiaroscuro for dramatic effect and the unique perspective from which the subject is seen. The report also highlighted similarities with other Caravaggio's paint-

ings, for example in the saint's hand and body movement.

But on Monday, after a week of "Caravaggiomania" that ensued amid the already frenzied Caravaggio anniversary celebrations in Italy, Vatican Museum chief Paolucci, a former Italian Culture Minister, issued the equivalent of a *Holy See mea culpa* and reversal.

In a front-page article entitled "A New Caravaggio? Not really" Paolucci wrote that the work was not of Caravaggio's quality and termed it "modest" at best, pointing out in

particular that the hands were completely out of perspective.

The painting depicts a semi-naked young man, his mouth open in desperation, one arm stretched out as he leans over amid flames. St. Lawrence was burned to death in 258.

Paolucci said that while the idea of putting St. Lawrence on the grill where he became a martyr was dramatically beautiful, and the thugs perpetrating his martyrdom are suggestive of Caravaggio's themes, a closer look reveals stylistic shortcomings.

He said that the hands are "wrong in their perspective," that the subjects' anatomies were "awkward" and that—in the case of nudes in the background—"disjointed." Paolucci also noted that the painting technique was "inadequate."

"The quality isn't there, whereas in a Caravaggio it always is, and it's high even when ... he uses maximum carelessness and a minimum of his expressive resources," Paolucci wrote.

He stressed that he wasn't criticizing Insolera and noted that she had correctly made clear that further analysis and documentation would be required to provide definitive answers as to whether the work was a Caravaggio.

The painting is to be unveiled to the public on Tuesday by Italy's Culture Ministry.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Cpl. Dave Michael Santos

May 17, 1989 - July 15, 2010

Was called to join his Creator at the age of 21 in Afghanistan.

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Lotty Ann Atalig Santos
Son: Anthony David Atalig Santos
Parents: David M. Santos & Isabella L. Maratita
Charito Runge & Cary Runge
Joseph Parks
Grandparents: Margarita L. Maratita
Deborah Mcmanues & Paul Mcmanues
James Baker & Karen Baker
In-Laws: Anthony T. Atalig & Carmen Atalig
Reared Mother: Mayette Maliksi

Brothers, Sisters & In-Laws:

Siblings: Darren Santos, Jewel Hope Santos, Dori Gene Santos, James Runge, John Alfred Runge, Joseph Parks, Jessica Parks, & Jorryn Parks
In-Laws: Derrick/Joaquina (Ej), Della/Ray (Keanu, Janet), Franklin/Joliann, (Aliana) Queena/Franco, & Anthony Jr.

In his new life, he now joins his:

Paternal Grandparents: †Andres M. Santos
†Maria M. Santos
Maternal Grandparents: †Irene Maliksi, †Alfredo Maliksi and †Fermin C. Maratita
Brother: †Christopher Darryl Mendiola
Cousins: †CPL. Joe Junior G. Charfauros
Andres Schinohosen Santos
†Leejay A. Santos
†Tsai Damian Q. Maratita
Niece: †Augustina C. Manglona

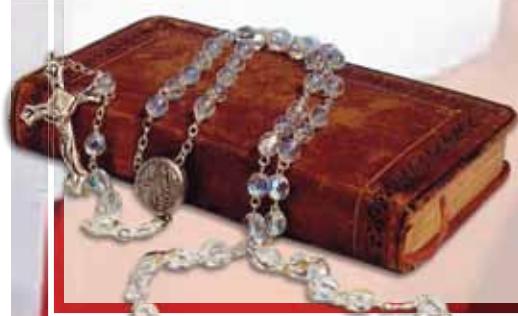
He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunties, cousins, nieces, nephews, & friends.

Mass of Intention is being celebrated each evening at 7:00 pm. at San Isidro Chapel at Sinapalo, Rota followed by Holy Rosary.

His mortal remains will arrive on Rota, CNMI today (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm. A reception ceremony will take place at Rota International Airport immediately upon the arrival.

Please join us in Prayers,

**Lotty Ann Atalig Santos - Anthony David Santos
David M. Santos & Isabella L. Maratita
Charito Runge & Cary Runge
& Family**



MEMORIAL AND FUNERAL SERVICES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Arrival of mortal remains at Rota International Airport via USAF C-130	3:00pm
Airport reception ceremony	4:00pm
Holy Rosary at parents residence of David M. Santos and Isabella L. Maratita	5:00 pm
Mass of Intention – San Isidro Chapel, Sinapalo, Rota	7:00pm
Holy Rosary at parents residence of David... 8:00pm	
Wake vigil service and visitation	8:30PM

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Funeral cortege proceeds to San Isidro Chapel, Simapalo, Rota	7:00 am
Responso Service and Last Rosary	7:30 am
Tribute and Presentation	8:00am
Final viewing and Last repects	9:00am
Mass of Christian Burial	10:00am
Interment services St. Joseph Cemetery, Songsong, Rota	11:00 am

Colin Ferguson overcame shyness on the road to his acting career

By LUAIN LEE
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PASADENA, Calif.—When he could be solving the Navier-Stokes Equations, Colin Ferguson is portraying Sheriff Carter on Syfy's quirky "Eureka."

How could he have gone so wrong? Though Ferguson was a whiz at math in school, he also adored "Family Ties," and remembers—even as a kid—understanding when they got it right and when they didn't.

But the Canadian Ferguson was also agonizingly shy, so the idea of him performing was hard to imagine. "I needed money to go off to college and a buddy of mine wanted to do this improvising workshop. I didn't have much of a spine to speak of and didn't want to do it at all, but I did it. After two weeks they asked me to join the troupe and perform in bars," he says in a noisy cafe here.

"And all of a sudden I was doing comedy in bars. I had a bit of a facility for it. I'd love to go back and watch myself to see if I was actually any good at all. That started it."

After six months he was performing five times a week and earning a living. "I had done school plays, little parts, I just loved it. But I didn't think it was—I was very shy—so I was very easy to dissuade. So when-



COURTESY SYFY CHANNEL/MCT
Canadian actor Colin Ferguson stars in the Syfy Channel's hit series, "Eureka," which enjoys a crossover with "Warehouse 13" on Aug. 3 and 6.

ever someone said it wasn't possible, I said, 'Oh, OK.'"

Ferguson—who spent five years of his childhood in Hong Kong—was so timid, that he'd panic when called on to speak in class. "So this one teacher decided to put me on the debating team. ... You had to give a speech and it turned into a competition every year. So long story short, I ended up winning the competition. I'd feel sick and not sleep the night before, just

wanted to get through it, but I did well.

"So because I won that, (the teacher) said, 'I'm going to put you on the debate team.' I'd just burst into tears during our prep and go get some air in another room and he comes in and I apologize, 'I guess you'll have to get someone else.' He said, 'No, you're going, so figure it out.' I did terrible for that debate, but I made it through the debate and ended up winning

the speech thing of that as well."

He even competed in an impromptu speech competition in Boston, his first taste of improvisation, which was to serve him well later when he joined Second City and helped establish a Second City in Detroit.

He remembers going on-stage, dropping a couple of quips and suddenly realizing he had won over the audience. "And I knew that I had them, and I could feel myself planning it out, planning it out and hitting, and they'd laugh. 'Good, next one.' And it was really calculated. That was the first time I felt, 'OK, I'm on.' Now I failed many times later, but that was the feeling when you're on, when you've got it."

When Ferguson, 38, decided to pursue acting, his stepfather

was supportive, (his parents divorced when he was 6) but his father had other ideas. "My dad was in mutual funds and insurance. ... The problem was I was really good at school. I was really good at math and they had their heart set on me going into the actuarial sciences, things I wasn't really going to do," he laughs.

"So my dad was pretty unhappy with me. He couldn't understand what it was. I faulted him at the time, but as I got older I realized he was terrified with what I was throwing away."

Moving to Los Angeles, Ferguson managed several guest spots on TV series, but it was his role in the failed comedy "Coupling" that snagged attention. "We didn't really get a solid kick at the can, but that

put me on the map. I'd been on network shows before but 'Coupling' really stood out," he says.

While he's dated several American actresses, Ferguson is currently seeing a British actress. Sometimes things are easier if you're in the same field, he says. "Like if you have to do a love scene with somebody, an actress knows it's probably the least sexy thing you're going to do with that person. There's a lot of people and a lot of light problems because you have two heads, right next to each other. Having said that, there's the anxiety of two people being freelance workers. Any couple where you have two freelancers, one person's busy and the other's not. You really have to learn to roll with your own slow times."

NBC affirms Carell's 'The Office' exit next season

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBC may wish Steve Carell was just joking, but a network executive said "The Office" star has consistently told NBC he's leaving after this coming season.

In the network's first acknowledgment of Carell's plans, NBC Primetime Entertainment President Angela Bromstad said Monday the actor's seven-year run as erratic Dunder Mifflin boss Michael Scott will end when his contract expires in 2011. But Bromstad said the show will go on.

"We've been lucky to have had him as long as we've had. These things happen when you have such a major movie star in a show," she said.

In an affirmation of NBC's faith in a post-Carell "The Office," Bromstad said the sitcom will remain in its 9 p.m. EDT Thursday time slot. It's the linchpin of NBC's schedule on a key TV night of advertising revenue.

"Not to diminish the departure of Steve, because that will impact the show, but we have tremendous faith in the writers and actors to keep it alive," Bromstad said.

Carell, 46, who's become a busy big-screen actor during



Carell

TV production deal with Universal Media Studios.

Carell was on vacation and unavailable for comment, his publicist, Matt Labov, said Monday.

Whether Michael Scott's job will be filled by a promotion from within or an outside hire is under discussion. Bringing in a big-name star is an option, but "it's not the front-running idea," said Paul Lieberstein, a cast member and executive producer.

"Right now, we're still talking about a lot of scenarios. We're trying to get a sense of what the office is like without Steve. We want to be real: What would

Evanovich switches publishers, signs 4-book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Here's a publishing plot twist: One of the book world's top moneymakers, Janet Evanovich, has switched literary homes.

The author of the multimillion-selling "Stephanie Plum" series and other popular mystery novels has left her longtime publisher, St. Martin's Press, and joined the Random House Publishing Group.

Random House announced Monday that Evanovich has agreed to write four new novels, including two Stephanie Plum releases. She will publish

through the Random House imprint Ballantine Bantam Dell.

"I started my career as a Bantam author, and I'm very excited to be returning," Evanovich, 67, said in a statement.

"Their sales, distribution, and marketing make them the perfect partner for me and my work. Load up the U-Haul; break out the pizza and the beer—it's moving day."

St. Martin's publisher Matthew Shear said in a statement:

"We've had a good relationship and I truly am sorry that we're unable to come to terms. But it's a negotiation like anything else and it didn't work. And I hope it works well for her elsewhere."

Financial terms were not disclosed, although Evanovich's book deal is likely worth tens of millions of dollars.

Evanovich's books have sold more than 75 million copies worldwide.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

We, the family of the late

†ANTONIO VILLAGOMEZ DELEON GUERRERO

Invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Death Anniversary of our beloved's passing unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Cathedral beginning Wednesday, July 28th through Wednesday, August 4th at 6:00 a.m. On Sunday, August 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

On the last day, Thursday, August 5th, Eucharistic Mass will be at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow immediately after the Mass at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

Your presence and prayers at these daily masses will be greatly appreciated. Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Alice B. Deleon Guerrero and children

Rapper DMX begins 90-day jail sentence in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rapper DMX surrendered to a judge Monday to begin serving a 90-day jail sentence for a 2002 reckless driving conviction.

Los Angeles City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan said the 39-year-old rapper turned himself in at a downtown courthouse. He said a judge ruled that the rapper cannot be freed on electronic monitoring, work release or home detention.

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was originally charged

with drunken driving, but those charges were later dismissed.

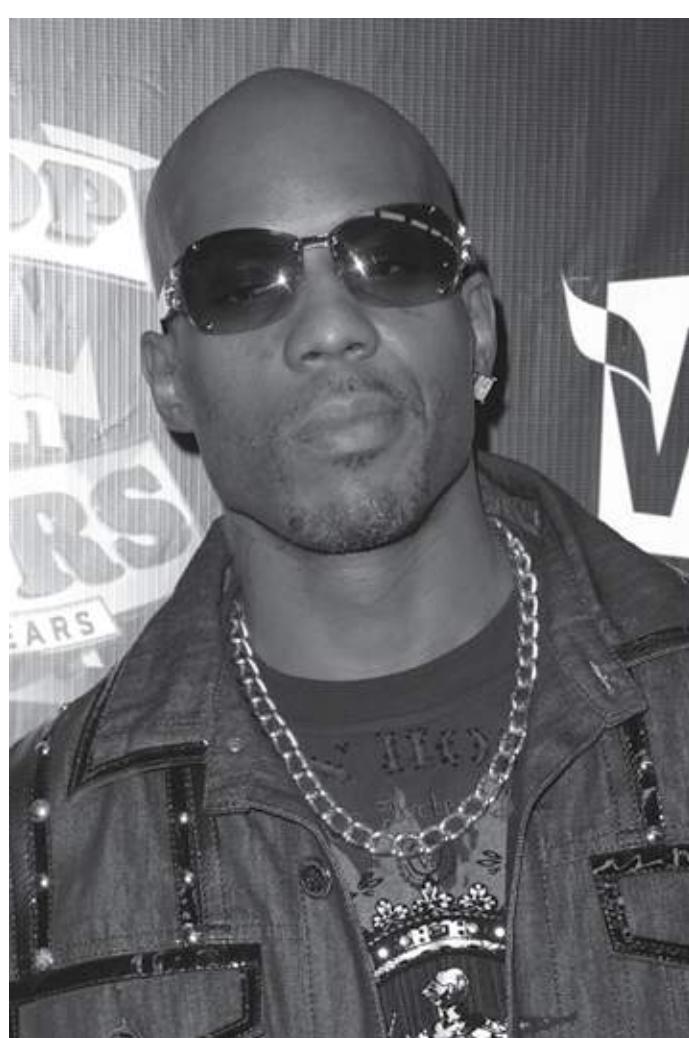
He has been repeatedly arrested and jailed in the past decade, recently serving a sentence in an Arizona jail for violating probation by failing a drug test.

Court records show DMX was found in violation of his probation in January and was supposed to surrender in March. He didn't appear in court and a judge revoked the rapper's \$100,000 bail.

A phone message left for at-

torney Anthony Alexander, who recently represented DMX in

the case, was not immediately returned Monday.



In this Sept. 23, 2009 photo, DMX arrives at the 2009 VH1 Hip Hop Honors at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York. AP

Pigeon droppings halt Kings of Leon concert

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Musicians have performed through violent storms and scorching temperatures at an outdoor arena in suburban St. Louis.

But an infestation of pigeons that bombarded the Kings of Leon with droppings at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre managed to force an early end to the rock band's concert Friday night.

A statement from the band's management company, Vector

Management, says bassist Jared Followill was hit several times, including near his mouth, and that the onslaught of feces was a potential health hazard.

The crowd grew restless after the band walked off, and an announcement told them that the show was over. Concert promoter Live Nation says fans will get a full refund.

Vector says band representatives had been warned of a pigeon infestation in the rafters.

Gilliam to direct YouTube webcast of Arcade Fire

NEW YORK (AP)—Terry Gilliam will direct the live webcast of Arcade Fire's concert at New York City's Madison Square Garden.

The Arcade Fire show kicks off "Unstaged," a new online concert series being launched by American Express and streamed on YouTube. The Montreal-based band will live stream their Aug. 5 concert at 10 p.m. EDT, the second of two shows at MSG.

Gilliam, whose films in-



In this July 25, 2007 file photo, Edwin Farnham Butler III, right, singer of Canadian band Arcade Fire performs during the 32nd edition of the Paleo Festival in Nyon, Switzerland. AP

Al Pacino in 'Merchant of Venice' Broadway-bound



In this theater publicity image released by The Public Theater, from left, Lily Rabe, Byron Jennings and Al Pacino are shown in a scene from "The Merchant of Venice," in New York. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Al Pacino and "The Merchant of Venice" will soon be on the move.

The Public Theater announced Monday that following an eight-week run at Central Park's Delacorte Theater, Pacino will relocate to Broadway as Shylock in the Shakespeare comedy this fall.

Opening Oct. 19 at the Broadhurst Theatre, the production will run through Jan. 9. No further casting announcements were made.

Directed by Daniel Sullivan, it will be produced by the Public Theater with Jeffrey Richards and Jerry Frankel.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Man pleads not guilty in Beverly Hills stabbing

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—A man accused of fatally stabbing a movie producer's son at a Beverly Hills home has pleaded not guilty to murder. Scott Barker entered the plea on Monday in Superior Court. He faces up to life in prison if convicted. Prosecutors say Barker stabbed 21-year-old Katsutoshi "Tony" Takazato last week at the victim's home in

the wealthy Trousdale Estates area. Takazato's father, Fuminori Hayashida, lives in Japan and produced several movies in the 1990s, including "Lured Innocence" starring Dennis Hopper. Prosecutors say Barker was dating Takazato's former girlfriend and became enraged after she claimed Takazato had physically abused her. The woman, Chie (CHEE) Coggins Johnson, also has pleaded not guilty to murder. Barker and Johnson remain jailed on \$3

million bail each.

Weeklong fete planned for Zappa statue in hometown

BALTIMORE (AP)—The unveiling of a statue honoring Frank Zappa in his hometown of Baltimore will feature a week of events including a concert by his son, Dweezil. The statue was donated by fans in Lithuania, a country Zappa never visited but one where his music was popular among the avant garde. The

statue is a replica of one erected by a fan club in the Lithuanian capital. Baltimore's public arts commission considered multiple locations, including the bohemian Fells Point waterfront, before deciding on the Southeast Anchor Library in working-class Highlandtown, a neighborhood well known for its many Greek restaurants. Zappa's widow will also host a symposium and the library will have an exhibit in conjunction with the Sept. 19 dedication.

Woman with cancer shouldn't waste time on hateful mom

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My 89-year-old mother has always been difficult. She not only never loved me, she treated me as if she didn't like me, either. She told me she didn't send me a birthday card on my birthday last month because "What was it supposed to say—what a 'wonderful' person you are?" My children visibly winced when they heard her say it and worked extra-hard to make sure my day was special.

Abby, I have cancer. My prognosis is questionable. I was supposed to have been dead seven years ago—but I'm managing. My problem is, I recently was told that my mother has been keeping in touch with a single friend of mine from years ago, and they are making plans for her to marry my husband when I die! A few other so-called "friends" are in on this. This last betrayal is incredibly hurtful. Where do I go from here?

J.C. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR J.C.: Where do you go from here? As far away from your toxic mother as possible—and on to a long, and hopefully complete, remission!

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and 12-year-old grandson "Patrick" visit me on Sundays. Patrick watches TV in my office.

I was recently looking at the history on my Web browser after he had been there, and I noticed that Patrick had been visiting free porn sites and chat rooms on my computer.

I am disappointed that he has been looking at pornography and that he has put my computer at risk for viruses, etc. Should I talk to his parents? To him? Or should I ignore it and disable my computer when he visits?

GRANDMA ON ALERT

DEAR GRANDMA: You should do all three—so that Patrick's parents can make certain that when he uses a computer at home he can be supervised. And if the parents haven't yet had "the talk" with their son, suggest they place it at the top of their agenda.

DEAR ABBY: I am 20, newly married and very happy with my new husband. I didn't tell my father when I got married; he just found out. When I moved out four months ago to live with my fiance and his parents, I also didn't tell Dad I was engaged.

Dad called me to ask if it was true that I had gotten married. Of course I said yes, and he got very angry. He asked if I was pregnant and I told him no. Then he wished me luck with my husband, said we were on our own now, and he would be out of my life!

Abby, I have always been a daddy's girl. When it came time to get married, I didn't tell him because I knew he'd try to stop me. I love my father and don't want him out of my life. What should I do?

NEWLYWED IN JACKSON, MICH.

DEAR NEWLYWED: Your father was extremely hurt by what you did. When a father loves his daughter, he looks forward to the day he will proudly walk her down the aisle, knowing the man she is marrying will be a stable partner. When you sneaked off, you took that away from him. He may also be upset that the young man you married isn't financially independent.

You owe your dad an apology. Write him a letter, explain why you did what you did and that you love him. It's a step in the right direction.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

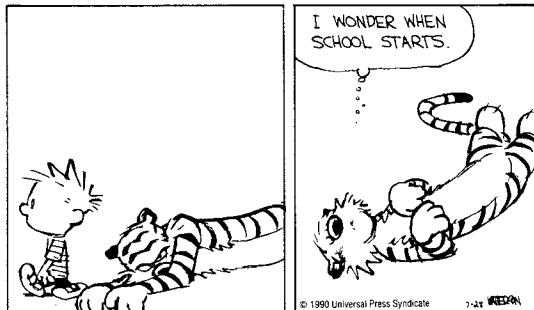
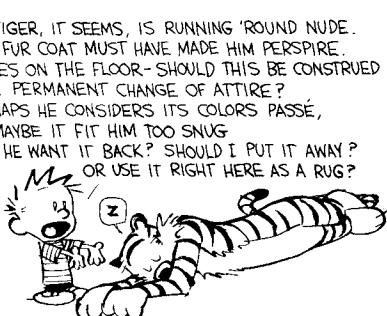
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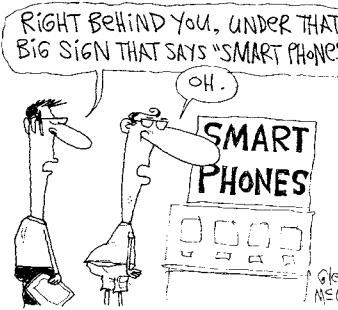
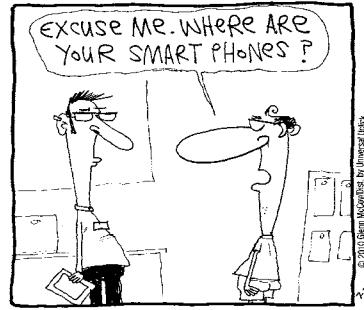
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Solution time: 21 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-28

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elizabeth Berkley, 38; Lori Loughlin, 46; Sally Struthers, 62; Jim Davis, 65

Happy Birthday: Money is in the picture this year but it will take hard work and letting go of people, places and possessions you no longer need. Simplify your life and you will begin to find peace of mind. You can readjust your way of thinking and your lifestyle to better fit your current expectations and needs. Your numbers are 3, 5, 20, 27, 32, 34, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Have fun with the people you work with. Networking will assist you in meeting the right people and discovering what's available in your chosen field. Balance will be the key to everything you do. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Lay your plans out in detail and you will eliminate doubts that may have initially been suggested. Travel plans should be made if it will help you seal a deal. Put time aside for a little rest and relaxation. ☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be too quick to share your secrets. Someone may want to use information you divulge against you in order to get ahead. Jealousy will lead to emotional deception within a close personal relationship. ☀️☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let work cause you to avoid responsibilities at home. An older relative may be a burden, but once you get into a routine, it will become easy. You will realize you too are benefiting from the interaction and experience. ☀️☀️

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Change will come about through the company you keep and the people you help. Favors will be granted and a greater understanding of what it is you are trying to accomplish will be shown. With a couple of minor adjustments, success will be yours. ☀️☀️☀️

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships will have to be looked at carefully before you decide to make any monetary contribution. Problems with rules or

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a break, plan a trip or sign up for something you've always wanted to do. It's idle time that will bring you down. A serious change is in order, bringing with it new friends and a better atmosphere. ☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can plan to have some fun but that shouldn't mean you spend money you can't afford to part with. Love is in the stars. Take time to primp and prepare for an eventful, memorable encounter that brings about a stronger bond. ☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your thoughts to yourself. Avoid any confrontation that is mounting between you and a colleague. Let your counterpart make the first move so you can assess the situation and decide whether or not to get involved. ☀️☀️

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regulations will lead to delays if you travel or have dealings with foreigners. ☀️☀️☀️

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone is likely to confuse you. Before you assume you have something happening between you and someone you just met, take a wait and see attitude. You may be mistaking kindness for personal interest. You should be focusing on making a better life and future for yourself. ☀️☀️

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions are likely to take you on a rollercoaster ride. Throw jealousy out the window and plan to have fun and to be the best company ever. A positive, playful attitude will help you score big with friends, lovers and peers. ☀️☀️

Birthday Baby: You are creative, sensitive, compassionate and bound by tradition. You are philosophical and have a unique way of expressing your opinions.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
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IN THE MATTER OF: Civil Action No. 10-0217-CV
THE ESTATE OF: NOTICE OF HEARING ON
JOSEPH PANGELINAN PETITION FOR LETTERS OF
VILLAGOMEZ, ADMINISTRATION
Decedent. PETITION TO OPEN ESTATE
Date: August 24, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Naraja

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,
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PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ & HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luisa Villagomez Sanchez, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letters of Administration, and the following Petition: Petition To Open Estate/Account/Auction LMI Business Equipment and Assets/make demand for Receivables owed to Estate/Pay for Attorney's Fee and Deposit for the Estate of Joseph Pangelinan Villagomez, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiva, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on the Petition by Luisa Villagomez Sanchez, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on August 24, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

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Matt Garza pitches 1st no-hitter in Rays history



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

The Tampa Bay Rays finally wound up on the right side of a memorable pitching performance.

Matt Garza threw the first no-hitter in franchise history and the fifth in the major leagues this season, beating the Detroit Tigers 5-0 Monday night.

"We needed one. I don't care who it came from. We just needed one for our own confidence," Garza said, mindful that the Rays have been held hitless four times in their 13-season history—three times in the past year. "The guys are just as excited as I am. It's fun."

The 26-year-old right-hander faced the minimum 27 batters in his 106th career start, allowing only a second-inning walk to Brennan Boesch, for a team that's often been on the wrong end of pitching gems lately.

Two of the no-hitters tossed against the Rays since July 2009 were perfect games. They didn't manage a hit Monday off starter Max Scherzer until Matt Joyce's sixth-inning grand slam.

"It was one of those days where everything lined up," Garza said. "The defense made great plays. I really can't say enough about them."

Garza (11-5) was the latest to shine in the Year of the Pitcher. The last time there were at least five no-hitters in a season was 1991, when Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan threw one of seven in the big leagues that year, according to STATS LLC.

It's only the third time in major league history that a team has been involved in three no-hitters during one season. The 1917 St. Louis Browns and Chicago White Sox were involved in three—all against each other.

It's also the first time in 37 years that two no-hitters have occurred in the same AL ballpark in one season. After going 1,006 games without one at Tropicana Field, two have been tossed in the last 11 games at the hitter-friendly dome.

"The guy obviously made history for Tampa, congratulations to him," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said, adding that Garza dominated the Tigers with "high fastball after high fastball."

Garza, the 2008 AL championship series MVP, rebounded from one of his worst outings this season to win his fourth straight decision and tie a career best for victories. He retired pinch-hitter Ramon Santiago for the final out on an easy fly ball to right fielder Ben Zobrist, who made a terrific running catch in the third to rob Danny Worth.

"That ninth inning," Garza said, "I kept telling myself, 'Just finish it, just finish it, just battle, battle. If it's meant to happen, it's going to happen.'"

Garza's teammates mobbed him near the mound after a performance that left the New York Mets and San Diego Padres as the only big league teams without a no-hitter. The Rays began play in 1998—the Padres in 1969 and the Mets in '62.

The closest Detroit's injury-depleted lineup came to a hit was Worth's two-out liner, but Zobrist made a leaping grab above his head as he ran toward the wall.

"I was able to time it just right for my jump. Caught it right in the end of my glove," Zobrist said, smiling. "He pitched so great. It's his day. I felt honored to be part of a game like that."

Tigers cleanup hitter Miguel Cabrera, who's batting .347 with 24 homers and 88 RBIs, hit a hard liner to left leading off the eighth. Carl Crawford barely had to move to make the play.

The Tigers were no-hit for the first time since Randy Johnson shut them down at Seattle on June 2, 1990.

After Boesch walked, he was erased on a double play.

Garza said his teammates didn't leave him off by himself in the dugout during the late innings. He noticed several of them standing in the same spot, however, adhering to superstition. "I recognized it and didn't want to look up. I was like, 'Just keep looking down and stay focused and get ready for the next inning,'" he said.

Garza struck out six in Tampa Bay's 2,039th game—and on a night when the Rays struggled to generate much offense themselves.

Joyce's slam on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the sixth was the first hit off Scherzer (7-8). The next batter, Jason Bartlett, singled for the only other hit of the night until Crawford homered in the eighth.

"I wanted to keep challenging. I didn't want to walk him in that situation," Scherzer said. "I grooved it, and he hit it."

Garza, who tossed a one-hitter at Florida on June 26, 2008, retired Don Kelly on a routine grounder to second base in the ninth and struck out Gerald Laird before getting Santiago to end it on his 120th pitch before a crowd of 17,009.

In addition to the five no-hitters thrown this season was the perfect game Detroit right-hander Armando Galarraga was denied because of a missed call at first base by umpire Jim Joyce.

Oakland's Dallas Braden tossed a perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9, and Philadelphia's Roy Halladay also was perfect at Florida on May 29.

Arizona right-hander Edwin Jackson threw 149 pitches for a no-hitter against the Rays, his former team, at Tropicana Field on June 26. Colorado ace Ubaldo Jimenez pitched a no-hitter April 17 at Atlanta.

Mark Buehrle threw a perfect game for the Chicago White Sox against Tampa Bay on July 23, 2009.

In his previous start, Garza allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings against the Orioles. The Tigers lineup he faced was without Magglio Ordonez, Carlos Guillen and Brandon Inge because of injuries.

"They're missing some really important people, there's no doubt about that," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "But they're all major league players and it's a no-hitter. They're not going to make any excuses, I know that."

Leyland was ejected in the third for arguing with second base umpire Marty Foster after B.J. Upton's stolen base.

Yankees 3, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Curtis Granderson hit a two-run shot and Alex Rodriguez missed out on his 600th homer as New York beat Cleveland.

Granderson connected with one out off Jake Westbrook (6-7), who held Rodriguez hitless in three at-bats and was clinging to a 2-1 lead. Jorge Posada reached on a one-out single before Granderson delighted the many Yankees fans in the crowd of 27,224 hoping to see homer history.

Rodriguez popped out to first against reliever Chris Perez in the ninth to fin-



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Garza raises his arms as third baseman Evan Longoria joins him to celebrate Garza's no-hitter in the Rays' 5-0 win over the Detroit Tigers in a baseball game Monday, July 26, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

ish an 0 for 4 night.

Choo Shin-soo put Cleveland ahead 2-1 in the sixth with an RBI double off Javier Vasquez (9-7). Travis Hafner hit a solo homer in the second. It was the designated hitter's fifth straight hit.

Blue Jays 9, Orioles 5

At Toronto, Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 28th home run, and Aaron Hill and Adam Lind also connected as Toronto beat Baltimore for the 10th straight time.

Hill hit a two-run homer in the fourth, and the Blue Jays smacked two more in the fifth. Bautista hit a three-run shot and Lind added a solo blast. Toronto leads baseball with 152 homers this season, including a league-high 37 in July. The Blue Jays also lead the majors with 82 homers in home games.

White Sox 6, Mariners 1

At Chicago, John Danks pitched eight solid innings to win his fourth consecutive start, helping Chicago beat Felix Hernandez and Seattle.

Juan Pierre and Alexei Ramirez each had three hits for the White Sox, who kicked off a seven-game homestand with their season-high eighth consecutive victory at U.S. Cellular Field. It's their longest home winning streak since a nine-game surge in 2008.

Hernandez (7-7) ran his scoreless streak against the White Sox to 25 2-3 innings before Pierre and Omar Vizquel hit consecutive RBI singles with two out in the third, giving Chicago a 2-1 lead.

Twins 19, Royals 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Joe Mauer had five hits and a career-best seven RBIs and Danny Valencia went 4 for 4 with a grand slam for his first major league home run to lead Minnesota past Kansas City.

Mauer, the 2009 American League MVP, was 5 for 5 with three singles, a double and a three-run home run that made it 17-0 in the seventh. The five hits tied his career best as the Twins set a season-high in runs and tied their season-best with 20 hits.

Wilson Betemit's RBI double off Anthony Slama with two out in the ninth prevented the Royals from suffering their worst shutout loss ever.

Red Sox 6, Angels 3

At Anaheim, California, David Ortiz hit two home runs in the same stadium where he won the Home Run Derby nearly two weeks ago, and Clay Buchholz pitched seven strong innings as Boston beat the slumping Angels.

Dan Haren (0-1) struck out eight in his Angels debut before Kevin Youkilis' fifth-inning line drive hit him in the right arm. Los Angeles traded four players to Arizona to land the three-time All-Star, whose bruised forearm will be re-evaluated Tuesday.

Hideo Matsui hit a two-run homer in the eighth for the Angels, but J.D. Drew hit a two-run double in the ninth for Boston.

Buchholz (11-7) gave up five hits and

one run in his first win since a stint on the disabled list, but late-inning drama followed him.

Phillies 5, Rockies 4

At Philadelphia, Brad Lidge escaped another bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning as the Philadelphia Phillies held off the Colorado Rockies to complete a four-game sweep.

Backup catcher Brian Schneider's two-run triple sent the Phillies toward their fifth straight win. The two-time NL champions, still minus injured All-Star second baseman Chase Utley, pulled within 4 1/2 games of idle East-leading Atlanta.

Seth Smith hit a two-out, two-run homer off Lidge in the ninth and Colorado went on to load the bases, but Ryan Spilborghs hit a tapper to the left side of the plate. Lidge came in and made a strong throw to first base for the final out, getting his 10th save in 13 chances.

Brewers 3, Reds 2

At Milwaukee, pinch-hitter Jim Edmonds homered with two outs in the eighth after just missing a go-ahead shot on the previous pitch as Milwaukee rallied to beat Cincinnati.

Rickie Weeks hit a two-run homer in the third inning as Milwaukee won its fifth straight to match a season-best streak after trailing 2-0 early.

Edmonds has been unable to play the field since his right Achilles' tendon tightened Saturday night, but he didn't need to run hard after his at-bat against Bronson Arroyo (10-6) in the eighth.

Edmonds hit a big blast off a fastball, dropping the bat only to watch his shot sail foul. He sent the next pitch over the Reds' bullpen in right-center field.

Cubs 5, Astros 2

At Houston, Geovany Soto drove in two runs and Alfonso Soriano had two doubles and an RBI to help Chicago beat Houston.

Cubs starter Carlos Silva (10-4) yielded five hits and one run with four strikeouts. Carlos Marmol allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth inning for his 19th save in 23 opportunities.

Soto bruised his left foot and left the game in the middle of the sixth inning after fouling a pitch off of it earlier in the inning.

Derrek Lee doubled with one out in the third inning and scored when Marlon Byrd grounded into a force out. Byrd scored when Soriano hit his second double of the game that made it 4-1.

Marlins 4, Giants 3

At San Francisco, Dan Uggla and Mike Stanton each hit solo homers as Florida moved above the .500 mark for the first time since early June.

Ricky Nolasco (11-7) struck out seven and allowed four hits and one run in 6 1-3 strong innings to win for the sixth time in seven starts. Cody Ross had a sacrifice fly and Stanton added an insurance RBI double in the eighth.

Pitcher Barry Zito (8-6) lost for the first time in seven career starts against the Marlins and the Giants had their four-game winning streak snapped. This series is a matchup of two surging teams trying to stay in the playoff chase.

Florida is 50-49, above .500 for the first time since the club was 28-27 on June 3.

Bengals owner wants to sign T.O.



CINCINNATI (AP)—Bengals owner Mike Brown is trying to produce his own reality show.

Terrell Owens. Chad Ochocinco. Together in Cincinnati.

Brown said on Monday that the team has discussed a contract with Owens and his agent, Drew Rosenhaus. The Bengals passed on the chance to sign the 36-year-old receiver after a tryout in March, but have given it more thought now that he remains a free agent.

If Owens accepts the offer, the Bengals would lead the league in reality show stars. Receiver Chad Ochocinco appeared on "Dancing With the Stars" in the offseason, and has a dating show called "Ochocinco: The Ultimate Catch" currently playing on VH1. Right after Ochocinco's show comes "The T.O. Show."

While Ochocinco eliminated two contestants in his recent show, Owens donned a metrosexual look for a fashion show—bare chest under an open jacket and a wig.

What they'd do together in a locker room would get some attention, too.

Brown noted that Owens caught the winning 57-yard touchdown pass in Dallas' 31-22 victory over the Bengals in 2008.

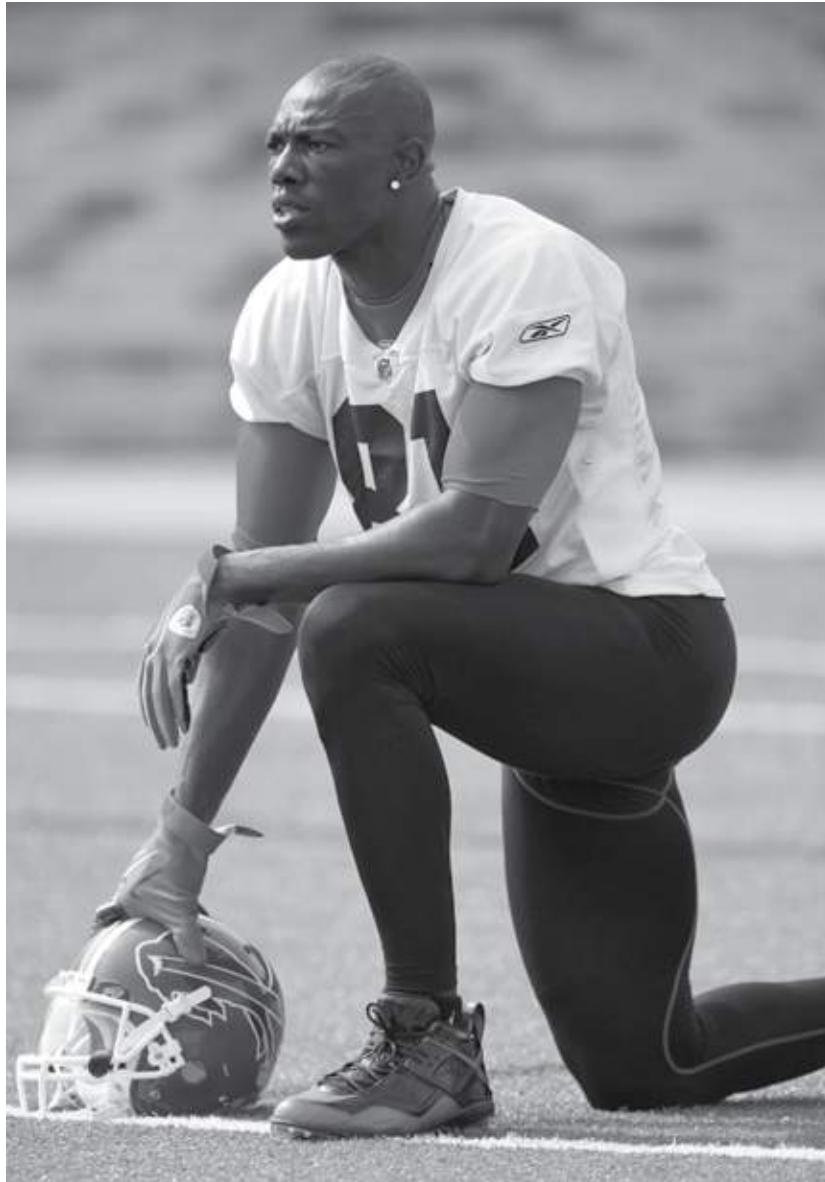
"I think that I would rather have him line up on our side of the ball than the other side of the ball," Brown said, at the team's annual preseason luncheon. "I can remember playing Dallas a few years ago when he caught a pass across the middle that won the game for them."

"So I've seen him do it. I've seen him do it against us. I'd like him to be here and do that against somebody else."

So would Ochocinco, who is a close friend and lobbied unsuccessfully for the Bengals to sign Owens in March. Instead, they chose receiver Antonio Bryant and gave him a four-year deal.

One change since then: Cincinnati's quarterback has joined the lobbying effort. Carson Palmer has been working out with Owens in California, and excitedly called coach Marvin Lewis about making a run to sign the receiver.

"Carson was really impressed with



AP
In this July 25, 2009, photo, Buffalo Bills' Terrell Owens pauses during NFL football training camp in Pittsford, N.Y. Cincinnati Bengals owner Mike Brown is trying to bring receiver Terrell Owens aboard.

a lot of the things that Terrell was doing," Lewis said. "Carson's comments to me—I guess the word is they resonate well."

Ochocinco has resumed his Twitter lobbying to sign Owens. Last March, he dubbed the two of them Batman (Owens) and Robin. He thinks Palmer, who wears No. 9, has more sway with the front office.

"im out of the loop now, i expressed my beliefs on why he should be here

and that's all i can do, (No.)9 has the real power," Ochocinco tweeted.

The final say rests with Brown, who has a history of giving chances to players with trouble in their past. He repeatedly brought back receiver Chris Henry, who was arrested five times and died last year in a fall of his fiancee's truck.

In the last two years, the Bengals also have signed running back Cedric Benson, running back Larry Johnson

and receiver Matt Jones, all of whom were let go by teams because of off-field issues.

In an interview with The Associated Press earlier this month, Owens pointed out that he was on good behavior last season in Buffalo, where he caught 55 passes for 829 yards and five touchdowns—his least-productive full season since early in his career with San Francisco.

"Yes, people can make mistakes," Brown said. "It doesn't mean that they go on the rest of their lives making mistakes. They can get their ship pointed in the right direction. This is a 36-year-old man. He's been through a lot. He's proven as a player and as a person."

Brown formed his opinion about Owens during a one-on-one meeting last March in conjunction with his tryout.

"When he was here, I was surprised," Brown said. "I met with him personally and privately. He is not at all the way his public image is depicted. He's a pleasant person, a quiet person. I found him engaging. And I do trust my own eyes on this sort of thing. I think that if he chose to come here, that he could help our team, and we'll see how that plays out. It's going to be his decision."

The St. Louis Rams reportedly are also interested in Owens. If he chooses Cincinnati, he could be paired on the outside with Ochocinco. Lewis said Bryant could move into an inside slot position.

Lewis had to defend against Owens throughout his career.

"So I've been there, I've seen that," Lewis said. "You think he's on reality TV now? Being on that sideline watching him do it is real reality TV. So he's an effective player and you like what he brings. You like what people say about him who have had him on their football team to the positive, and we've just got to make sure none of the negative creeps in anymore. He's been a couple of years beyond that."

Rosenhaus didn't return a message on Monday. He also represents Ochocinco, who is entering the final season on his contract with the Bengals. The team has an option for an additional season in 2011.

Titans sue Lane Kiffin, USC for poaching assistant

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Tennessee Titans are suing Southern California and coach Lane Kiffin for "maliciously" luring away assistant running backs coach Kennedy Pola a week before training camp opens.

Tennessee Football Inc., the company that owns the Titans, filed the lawsuit Monday in Davidson County Chancery Court against both the university and Kiffin.

The lawsuit accuses Southern California and Kiffin of violating Pola's contract that required him to have written permission to discuss a job with anyone other than the Titans.

Tennessee hired Pola as running backs coach in February only to lose him Saturday to Southern California as the Trojans' new offensive coordinator and running backs coach.

"USC and Kiffin maliciously intended to—and did—induce Pola to breach the Pola contract," the lawsuit charges.

"USC and Kiffin engaged in improper means in their procurement of the breach and were not legally justified in their actions. Kiffin and USC's actions, through him, were part of a course and pattern of conduct fostered by Kiffin and USC to use improper methods and means to the direct harm and damage of parties to contracts ..."

The Titans declined to comment Monday beyond the lawsuit.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher, a Southern California alumnus, said Saturday that Kiffin neglected to make the customary courtesy phone call to let him and the NFL team know he was interested in hiring Pola. Fisher himself had hired Pola, letting go Earnest Byner to free up the spot on his coaching staff.

Pola's contract ran at least to Feb. 14, 2011, with the NFL in the final year of its current labor agreement with the players.

The lawsuit notes that written permission from the president and general counsel was needed because verbal "consent is inadequate." The lawsuit also notes Southern California and Kiffin, through Pola, knew about his contract requirements.

"Pola was not given express written consent by Tennessee Football or the Commissioner of the NFL to entertain employment with any other entity," the lawsuit argues.

The move left the Titans without a running backs coach one week before training camp opens, which the lawsuit argues disrupts planning, causes "potential loss of confidence by players" and the loss of salary and benefits already paid to Pola along with "future damage."

The lawsuit is particularly harsh on Kiffin for what it calls intentional actions. Kiffin said he first spoke to Pola on Friday, and then called Fisher on Saturday after Pola called him back, apparently to accept the job.

Hornets GM confident Paul will remain with team



NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Hornets star guard Chris Paul did not request a trade Monday in his meeting with new coach Monty Williams and top team officials, general manager Dell Demps said.

Demps, essentially in his first day on the job since his hiring last week, added that he was confident Paul would still be with New Orleans when the coming season opens.

The meeting was held at an undisclosed downtown location before Demps made his way back to the Hornets' corporate offices to meet with reporters.

Although Paul did not speak with the media, the team released statement from him that indicated the three-time All-Star and Olympic gold medalist was encouraged by the Hornets' recent coaching and front-office overhaul.

"The meeting went well. It was great to get an opportunity to sit down with coach Williams, president Weber and our new general manager, Dell Demps," Paul's statement said. "I expressed my

desire to win and I like what they said about the direction that they want to take the team. I have been a Hornet my entire career and I hope to represent the city of New Orleans and state of Louisiana for many years to come."

Paul has two years remaining before he can opt out of his current contract with the Hornets. However, he said at his charity golf outing earlier this month that he would welcome a trade if the Hornets did not demonstrate a willingness to give him a supporting cast that would make the club good enough to compete with any team in the NBA.

Only days after making that statement, Paul fired his agent and hired Leon Rose, who also represents LeBron James. Paul also agreed to work with James' LRMR marketing agency.

Soon after, Paul's representatives told the Hornets that Paul was interested in being traded, but the Hornets countered by scheduling a meeting in New Orleans that included Demps, Williams and team president Hugh We-

ber, Paul's brother, C.J. Paul, and Rose.

"It was a very productive meeting. I was encouraged," Demps said. "It was the first time I met Chris. It was a good opportunity for us to open the lines of communication. Chris had some very good points. ... He was energetic, he was open, he was honest. He showed that he wants to win, and that's what we want to do, as well."

Williams and Weber stood nearby but did not comment as Demps discussed the meeting with Paul, which Demps said lasted about an 90 minutes.

While Paul cannot force a trade, the Hornets opted to trade Baron Davis during the 2004-05 season when he had a falling out with the club. New Orleans then began a rebuilding process that essentially began with the drafting of Paul in the summer of 2005.

Paul went on to become rookie of the year and quickly became the face of the franchise. In fact, a poster-size photo of Paul's smiling visage is the first thing that greets those who walk into the

Hornets' corporate offices on the 19th floor of a downtown high rise near the New Orleans Arena.

Demps said he hoped Paul would not become disruptive as long as he remains in New Orleans.

"I don't anticipate that," Demps said.

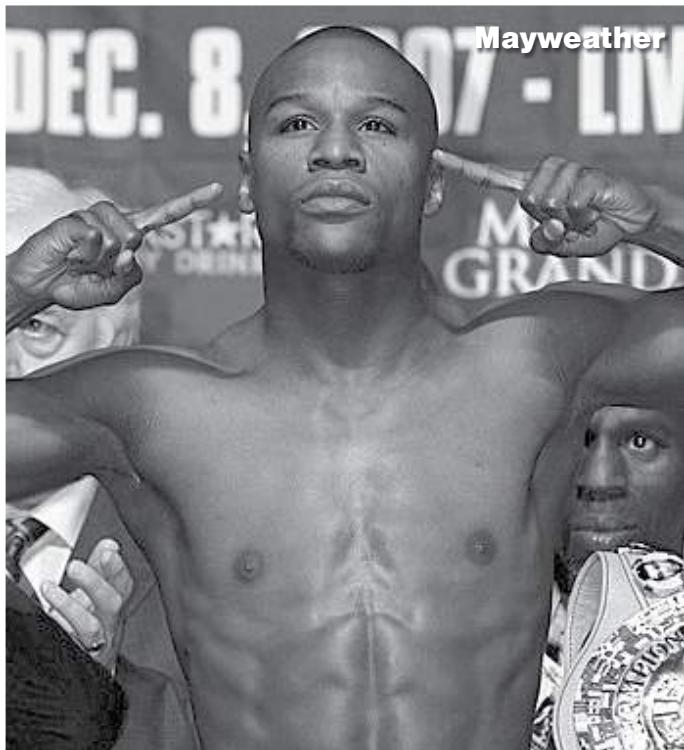
Demps did not go into detail about the Hornets' presentation to Paul. He said for competitive reasons he needed to keep much of what they discussed private.

The Hornets' payroll is close to the NBA's luxury tax threshold, and team officials have said they do not want to pay the tax or take on new debt while a planned sale of the club from majority owner George Shinn to his partner, Gary Chouest, is pending.

Still, Demps asserted, "There's always ways to be creative."

"I'm an optimist. I think that we'll sit down and evaluate the roster and look at all our pieces and move forward and do what's in the best interests of the organization."

Mayweather adviser denies Pacman deal



MANILA, Philippines

Team Mayweather has conjured a convenient, if not absurd, excuse on why Floyd Mayweather Jr. did not sign a fight contract with Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao.

No negotiations ever took place between the two camps according to Leonard Ellerbe, one of Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s closest advisers, in a statement issued Monday.

The statement has drawn the ire of Top Rank chief and Pacquiao promoter Bob Arum, who

earlier claimed that virtually all points had been settled and only Floyd's signature was needed to seal the deal that could have earned both fighters at least \$40 million each.

"Al Haymon, [Golden Boy Promotions CEO] Richard Schaefer and myself speak to

each other on a regular basis, and the truth is no negotiations have ever taken place, nor was there ever a deal agreed upon by Team Mayweather or Floyd Mayweather to fight Manny Pacquiao on Nov. 13. Either Ross Greenburg or Bob Arum is not telling the truth," Ellerbe's

squad; Rabauliman is the lone Junior League member of the team.

Rabauliman, along with Alexander, Cepeda, Flores, Joab, Jones, Hayes, Mendiola and Santos make up the CNMI's nine-man pitching staff.

Notably, outfielders Omar and Iguel will also represent the CNMI as sprinters during the weeklong sporting event.

The CNMI National Baseball Team leaves for Palau tomorrow, July 29, and is expected to arrive in Koror later that night.

Once in Palau they will participate in the opening ceremony and prepare for their first

game scheduled on Sunday, Aug. 1, against Phonpei at 9am.

Later that same day the CNMI will face Kosrae at 3pm. Then on Monday the CNMI will challenge archrival Guam at 3pm. On Tuesday the CNMI will challenge Yap at 3pm and then finish up the preliminary rounds against host Palau at noon on Wednesday.

The preliminary standings will determine Friday's 10am semifinal pairings with the top four teams after the eliminations making the playoffs. Weather permitting; the gold medal final game is set to take place at 10am on Aug. 7.

the opening day of the POCJ were U12's Carl Dela Cruz and Melody Johnson. The debuting Dela Cruz was in Pool B and lost to Tiernan Bren of Fiji 4-6, 2-6, and Torea Bontoman of Kiribati, 1-6, 0-6. Johnson was paired against fellow North player Katie Lai of Guam and lost, 6-7, 3-6, and then bowed to Alesi Molotai of Tuvalu, 1-6, 2-6.

The CNMI's lone bet in the girls U12 division—Negahr Rastguiy—drew a bye in the first round of the pool play. She is seeded first in Pool A and was scheduled to face Kiribati' Aresi Mwea and the Solomon Islands' Vinda Teally yesterday.

Also dropping two games in

morning game and Vanuatu's Liam Suttie in the afternoon.

Besides Cajigan and Miller, eight other CNMI netters are playing in the POJC, representing the North Pacific Team.

In the girls U14 division, Mikayla Lopez lost his POJC debut after bowing to PNG's Lorish Puluspene in the morning match, 3-6, 1-6. However, the CNMI netter recovered big time in the afternoon game, stunning Pool A top seed Assya Trimari of New Caledonia, 6-0, 6-1.

Also posting a 1-1 record in Day 1 was 14-year-old Thea Minor, who is playing in the girls U18 at the Regional Training

Gloves competition and if they make it through the national level, they might receive an opportunity to compete in the 2012 Olympic trials. However, right now Rivera and Rawson are taking it one fight at a time.

Rawson is even considering shedding 20 more lbs off of Rivera and turning him into a light heavyweight fighter.

In other news, when Rawson

came over with Rivera back in May, he brought with him some donated boxing equipment from former Nevada boxing promoter Don Muse.

"Mr. Muse is a really good man and after hearing about the fighters over here in the Pacific, wanted to help out the local gyms and future fighters. [Muse] has donated equipment to the Trench Tech and Preda-

tor Combat Team facilities and may be sending over some more stuff some time in the future," said Rawson.

While on Saipan, Rawson has constructed some speed bags at local gyms and has helped installed various other training equipment. He also will be receiving more donated gear from Muse, which he will in turn donate to local gyms.

statement read.

"This is like absurd unreality," Arum told ESPN.com's Dan Rafael. "I'm not going to be party to this [expletive]. When I heard about [Ellerbe's statement], I thought it was a joke. Ross said he was talking to Haymon. He certainly wasn't making it up. And Haymon was relaying conversations to Ross allegedly that Floyd had with him."

Arum then cited a point to buttress his argument.

"If there was no negotiation, who imposed the gag order?" Arum told Rafael. "Why they're doing this is absurd ... Schaefer said there was a gag order. Who could there be a gag order from if there were no negotiations? From the sky?"

During the events that transpired in May and June, Arum

often refused to answer queries regarding the status of negotiations, referring to a gag order allegedly imposed on both camps.

Golden Boy Promotions president Oscar De La Hoya had also acknowledged that negotiations were ongoing when he told a Spanish talk show that the "deal for the fight was very close."

Meanwhile, Arum told Boxing Fanhouse.com Monday that he's negotiating with the camps of World Boxing Association junior middleweight champion Miguel Cotto of Puerto Rico and former welterweight king Antonio Margarito of Mexico and will have a deal by the end of the week.

Cotto and Margarito are also under Arum's stable. (PDI)

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Games on Saipan, tallying a total catch of 106.06 lbs. Guam's Mike Genereux won the silver with his 96.72-lb catch, while Pohnpei's Iony Hadley claimed the bronze after hauling in a 53.98-lb catch.

In the team event, the CNMI and Guam had a neck-and-neck battle for the gold in 2006 with the winner decided by only one fish. The CNMI, which was represented by Sasamoto, Mark Hapdei, and Frank Pangelinan, notched the gold with its total catch of 180.12 lbs. against Guam's 178.97-lb catch. Pohnpei had another bronze medal finish in the team event with its 96.42-lb catch.

The CNMI dominated the 2006 competition after fishing in its home waters. This time, familiarity with the waters will be a question mark for Sasamoto, Morito Asai, and Abraham Quitugua Jr.

"None of the guys have been to Palau, so they are not familiar with the waters. The biggest challenge would be locating the best fishing spots within the designated fishing

zones," Seman said.

The spearfishing competition will be held on Aug. 7 and 8 and drop-off point is at the Drop Off Bar and Grill in Koror. Designated fishing zones will only be known on the day of the tournament. All fishermen will be taken to the same fishing zones and only fish weighing at least 2.2 lbs. will be accepted.

Seman is picking Palau and Guam as the CNMI's toughest competitors for the gold medal, as the former has the home-water edge and latter having been competing in various tournaments in Micronesia for about half a decade.

"Guam has been very active in competitive spearfishing tournaments for the past five years. Guam has an active spearfishing club and has members who are regarded as some of the best in Micronesia," Seman added.

Seman will be joining Sasamoto, Asai, and Quitugua in Palau and they will leave Saipan on Aug. 4. Sasamoto and Asai will be competing in individual event, while Quitugua will join them in the team competition.

The team has been training three to four times a week to prepare for its title defense bid in the Micro Games.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	35	.643	—
Tampa Bay	60	38	.612	3
Boston	56	44	.560	8
Toronto	51	49	.510	13
Baltimore	31	68	.313	32 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	54	44	.551	—
Minnesota	54	46	.540	1
Detroit	51	47	.520	3
Kansas City	42	57	.424	12 1/2
Cleveland	41	58	.414	13 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	58	41	.586	—
Oakland	50	48	.510	7 1/2
Los Angeles	52	50	.510	7 1/2
Seattle	39	61	.390	19 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	41	.582	—
Philadelphia	53	46	.535	4 1/2
Florida	50	49	.505	7Q
New York	50	49	.505	7 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	58	39	.598	—
San Francisco	56	44	.560	3 1/2
Los Angeles	53	46	.535	6
Colorado	51	48	.515	8
Arizona	37	62	.374	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	56	44	.560	3 1/2
Chicago	53	46	.535	6
Tampa Bay	50	49	.505	7Q
Baltimore	49	51	.486	15 1/2

Yesterday's Games

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	56	44	.560	3 1/2
Chicago	53	46	.535	6
Tampa Bay	50	49	.505	7Q
Baltimore	49	51	.486	15 1/2

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help Rivera gain some more experience. Later the team will look into competing in a couple of bigger sanctioned tournaments held in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Down the road, the team hopes to fare well in the Golden

Marianas Resort breaks into win column

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 Marianas Resort snapped its losing skid after beating Tropical Laundry, 82-75, in the third game in the Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Marianas Resort, which had a 0-2 start in the 10-team league, drew double figures from four players to finally make it to the win column. Raymond Palacios top-scored for Marianas Resort with 19, Arnold Crisostomo chipped in 18, and Jayson Gatdula and Rico Delos Reyes contributed 15 apiece.

Tropical Laundry dropped to a 0-3 record despite getting off to a good start, leading at the end of the first period, 17-14.

Marianas Resort grabbed the lead at the break, 42-35, behind Crisostomo's back-to-back triples and eight points in the second period. Gatdula also made eight markers in the second quarter to put Marianas Resort in the driver's seat.

Tropical Laundry played catch up in the second half, but Gatdula, Palacios, Delos Reyes, and Crisostomo were consistent with their offensive game to keep the lead and the win.

MBI 87, Marianas Wireless 75

In the battle of unbeaten teams in the first game, MBI Right Guard topped Marianas Wireless, 87-75.

MBI trailed at the end of the third period, 55-58, before Pando Muleta, Darwin Barbo, and Ivan De Vero joined forces in the fourth quarter to nail 12-point win. De Vero drilled 10 of his 25 points in the final canto, while



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Marianas Resort's Jayson Gatdula drives against two Wings Travel defenders during their debut game in the Emon Lodge caging early this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Gatdula scored 15 points in Marianas Resort's 82-75 win over Tropical Laundry last Sunday.

Barbo and Muleta had eight apiece. Barbo finished with 19 markers, while Muleta added 18. Rex Yabut also scored in double figures for MBI with 18, improving the team's record to 3-0.

Kae Bernardo led Marianas Wireless' losing cause with his 19 points.

Mobil 113, Wings Travel 96

In the second game of the day, Mobil outgunned Wings Travel, 113-96.

Mobil had six players scoring in double figures to prevail in a high-scoring game. Marvin Rabauliman had 27

assault of Ogo early to keep his pin-weight crown.

Numerous takedown exchanges between the fighters occurred right off the bat. Ogo utilized some unorthodox chop strikes and successfully escaped a multitude of submission attempts.

Ogo even slammed Docyogen to the mat a few times, but eventually Docyogen used a Komura to get to Ogo's back before executing a rear-naked choke that forced him to tap out about 30 seconds before the first round bell.

"Hats off to Jordan Ogo and Team Haga for putting up a great performance and although he came up short of victory, he is still a winner for taking the fight and competing and representing our island flag with honor. Trench Tech salutes him and wishes him all the best in his MMA endeavors," said Trench Tech Purebred president Cuki Alvarez.

Ogo succumbed to a rear-naked choke maneuver by the host country's undisputed pin-weight champion in the 9:26 mark of the first round. The fight was scheduled as the main event at the jam-packed A. Venue Events Hall.

The Saipan mixed martial arts practitioner and his team manager Alvin Takai returned home early Tuesday morning. "Jordan put up a good fight, his grappling and striking was



Ogo

very good, but [Docyogen] caught him with a rare-naked choke. The fight almost went the distance in the first round. Great, great fight...the main event did not disappoint and the URCC and its fans love the Jungle Boy!" said URCC matchmaker Willy V. Carlos.

Docyogen survived the fierce

points, while Leo Factor chipped in 23. Kelvin Fitial chipped in 18, Jun Estolas tallied 16, and Ernie Moises, and Errol Peredo had 15 and 12, respectively.

Tony Diaz paced Wings Travel with 29 points, while Joy Dayrit logged 22.

Mobil got off to a rousing start, taking a 31-19 lead in the first quarter. Diaz tried to bring Wings Travel back into the game in the next three quarters, but Mobil kept hitting its target en route to the 16-point win.

First Game

MBI Right Guard 87 – De Vero 25, D. Barbo 19, Muleta 18, Yabut 13, David 8, G. Barbo 2 Achas 2,

Marianas Wireless 75 – Bernardo 19, Lorio 18, Tamayo 13, Abuel 9, Demapan 8, Aquino 4, Bana 4.

Scoring by quarters: 20-19, 36-35, 55-58, 87-75.

Second Game

Mobil 113 – Rabauliman 27, Factor 23, Fitial 18, Estolas 16, Moises 15, Peredo 12.

Wings Travel 96 – T. Diaz 29, Dayrit 22, Galarce 15, Camacho 12, Yalung 2, Aguon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-19, 58-49, 85-67, 113-96.

Third Game

Marianas Resort 82 – Palacios 19, Crisostomo 18, Gatdula 17, Delos Reyes 15, Kapileo 8, Iguel 2, Herman 2, Miembra 1.

Tropical Laundry 75 – De Dios 26, Masga 17, Salazar 14, Ban 5, Aquino 4, Sacramento 4, Pargo 3, Gomez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-17, 42-35, 66-52, 82-75.

Two \$50,000 hole-in-one prizes from AON for TOC



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Tournament of Champions tournament director Ben Babauta, third from right, receives the \$100,000 hole-in-one prize check from AON Insurance staff recently.



Golfers at the 15th Annual TOC have 100,000 reasons to play in Saipan's premiere golf tournament this weekend, thanks to two \$50,000 hole-in-one prizes courtesy of AON Insurance.

A hole-in-one in hole No. 7 on the west course or hole No. 11 on the east brings a big payoff to the fortunate TOC player with a perfect shot.

"AON has enjoyed a long relationship with TOC," said AON Insurance regional director Rod Rankin. "Our staff and management are pleased to support TOC and the beautification projects that have been completed in the last 15 years."

TOC has given over \$500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to The Palms on Pau Pau, as

well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

"AON Insurance has been a sponsor for 10 years and we are thankful for their support of the beautification fund," TOC tournament director said Ben Babauta. "I've had many golfers tell me they were practicing just to win this prize."

Platinum sponsor, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, will host to the 15th Annual Tournament of Champions on Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1. Show time is 6am and shotgun start is 7am. Registration fee is \$175 for two days of golf and the banquet.

For more information or to register, please call 236-2511 or online at www.tocsaipan.com. (TOC)

Masters group officials, members get CPR-AED certification



Members and officials of the Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI completed their CPR-AED course last Saturday at the American Red Cross office along airport road.

About 20 MBFNM members and officials, led by its president Ray Lizama, completed the course conducted by Lucio Aldan and Vangie Sablan of the American Red Cross, NMI Chapter.

"We are proud to say we have CPR-AED certified board members and players. It's a vital skill to obtain, especially if you are a member of sport organizations," MBFNM said in a media release.

As the Red Cross slogan says "we are certified CPR-AED and we can save a life," the released added.

Officials and members who attended the course were divided into two groups. The first group had their session from 9am to 1pm, while the second group took the course from 1pm to 5pm.

"On behalf of the MBFNM, we would like to extend our utmost appreciation to American Red Cross, NMI Chapter director John Hirsh, Meng Taman, and Gil Muna, and instructors



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Officials and members of the Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI pose for a group photo after completing a CPR-AED course last Saturday at the American Red Cross office along Airport Road.

Lucio Aldan and Vangie Sablan for giving our members the knowledge that could save lives," MBFNM added.

Meanwhile, MBFNM is reminding teams to get ready for the Summer Blast 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, which will kick off on July 31.

The one-day tournament will have competitions in the masters and open divisions.

Entrance fee for each division is lowered to \$150 from \$175. Each member of the squad will be given Pacific Islands Club water

park passes and free uniforms and are entitled to win raffle prizes. Participating teams are allowed to have a maximum of five players in their roster.

The 3-on-3 tournament, which is being supported by PIC and Pacific Trading, Co., will be played at the PIC hard court in San Antonio.

For more information, contact Joe Pangelinan at 234-6925, Emmanuel Erediano at 234-9797 or 888-1610, e-mail MBFNM at mastersbasketball_670@yahoo.com (PR)



CNMI pins medal hopes on young sluggers



The CNMI National Baseball Team for the 2010 Micronesian Games poses for a photo at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield after last Monday's practice.

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Editor's note: These are the fourth and fifth articles of a series of 11 that will feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

Young and athletic players will banner the CNMI's title defense in the

baseball competition of the 2010 Micronesian Games set from Aug. 1 to 7 at the Asahi Ball Field.

The CNMI National Baseball Team consists of a full 22-player roster and comes in as the youngest squad out of the six teams competing in the quadrennial event.

Ryan Ada, Justin Alexander, Eli Aughenbaugh, Vince



Cepeda, Franco Flores, Jester Garcia, Jason Hayes, Jesus Iguel, Thomas Joab, Josh Jones, Juan Maratita, Shane Mendiola, Jess Mesa, Tyrone Omar, Mike Pangelinan, Jeremy Rabauliman, Manny Sablan, Vince Sablan, Elton Santos, Anthony Tenorio, Eric Tenorio, and Shane Yamada make up the roster.

Manager Tony Rogolfoi along with head coach Patrick Tenorio and assistant coach Craig Tenorio will be accompanying the CNMI squad.

With half of the team under the age of 20, their speed is expected to be one of their core strengths.

"We have been having great practice sessions and I'm really proud of this team...we have a

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Cajigan, Miller off to strong starts



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Christian Miller lived up to his lofty billing, while Chris Cajigan got off to a rousing start, as the two CNMI junior netters swept their opening day assignments in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships last Monday in Fiji.



Miller was seeded No. 1 in Pool B of the boys U14 division and had two games in Day 1 of

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Boxer who trained on Saipan wins amateur heavyweight belt

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After a month of training on Saipan, Elmer Rivera was awarded with a world title heavyweight belt for winning the 2010 World Amateur Boxing Championship-Desert Showdown Tournament held in Coachella, California from July 21 to 24.

Rivera's outlasted a pool of seven amateur heavyweight contenders; over 300 competitors participated in the USA Boxing-sanctioned event.

Before the competition, Saipan served as a training ground for the aspiring heavyweight boxer from May 13 to June 13, 2010.

"It's impressive that [Elmer] has only been boxing competitively for about a year and half and has already won a world title belt," said his coach and trainer Don Rawson.

"After the win Elmer was ecstatic over the phone and he expressed thanks to everyone who supported him including Cuki Alvarez and the whole Trench Tech Purebred family. He also reiterated that he really enjoyed



Elmer Rivera, second from left, stands with Cuki Alvarez, far right, and training crew at the Trench Tech Gym.



his training days on Saipan," added Rawson. Trench Tech Purebred owner Alvarez invited the duo to train at his gym in San Antonio during their one-month stay on Saipan. Rivera is a member of the Mesquite Boxing Club near Las Vegas, Nevada and

was accompanied on island by Rawson. A year and a half ago, Rivera started out as a 334-lb super heavyweight boxer and has since weighed in at 199 lbs for the mid-July Desert Showdown.

Rivera won all three fights in his division. He won the first

two matches via third round knockouts. In the title bout, Rivera faced an Armenian who trained at Freddie Roach's renowned Wild Card Gym in Hollywood, California and won by unanimous decision.

Rivera currently holds an 9-3 amateur win-loss record and according to Rawson, he is still getting better and better every day.

The former tile-setter/construction worker has always loved the sport of boxing and grew up watching the likes of James Toney, Rocky Marciano, and Carmen Basilio.

Rawson used to live on Saipan from 2001-02 with his wife, who is a Take Care medical provider. Back when he was a resident on island, Rawson used to run a boxing gym on Texas St. in Chalan Kanoa. Rawson travels back and forth and is currently on island, but plans on returning to Mesquite in October where he and Rivera will decide what to do next.

Rawson said he plans on looking for three to four local club fights around Nevada to

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**Sasamoto and company
to fish for gold, again**



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Micronesian Games defending gold medalist Felix Sasamoto Jr., right, and Morito Asai show off their catch during the 7th Micronesian Games qualifying tournament in March this year.

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"The goal of the CNMI Spearfishing Team is to defend the gold medal, both in the individual and team events," team representative Richard Seman said.

Sasamoto took the gold medal in the individual event in the 2006 Micronesian Games.

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